

Selectmen candidates debate the issues

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Candidates for selectmen hammered out the town's most pressing issues during a debate that was broadcasted live by Wilmington Community Television on Monday, March 31.

The forum, which lasted approximately two hours, was divided into two segments.

The first sequence featured Suzanne Sullivan and Daniel Wandell, Junior, who are both vying for the seat on the Board of Selectmen that is available for one year of an unexpired term.

The second segment of the debate featured

incumbent Robert Cain, Gerald Duggan, Karl Sagal, Frank West and Ann Yurek, who have their sights set on the single three-year seat that is up for grabs on the board.

Town Moderator James Stewart guided the debate. Candidates were asked questions from a panel of four members that consisted of Shawn Sullivan, of the Town Crier, Odette Kent, of the League of Women Voters, Richard Thompson, of the Wilmington Advocate, and Vanessa Hughes, of the Lowell Sun.

Each candidate was afforded two minutes to answer the questions and two minutes more to

offer a closing statement. Time was kept by Donna Smith.

The future of Wilmington's town manager, affordable housing and the protection and use of the community's surplus were the hot topics that were discussed.

The candidates were first asked what qualities they would bring to the Board of Selectmen and why voters should consider casting votes their way.

In the first debate, Wandell cited his job overseeing the Corporations Division in the Secretary of State's office, where he manages people and budgets and negotiates contracts. Sullivan referred to numerous meetings with many state agencies regarding "quality of life" issues on behalf of Wilmington residents, her internship with the Burlington Board of Health, and her status as a mother of three children who

are currently being educated in Wilmington.

In the second debate, West offered his status as a resident, a taxpayer and a business owner as providing perspective for him to see the issues from three different angles, while his 12 years as a financial analyst have provided him with knowledge pertaining to the fiscal responsibilities of the position.

Yurek, who has volunteered for the community since 1990, referred to her membership with the Finance Committee, the Master Plan Committee, Water Resources Committee, and the Planning Board. She has also been a resident of Wilmington since 1969 and most recently was a School Business Administrator. She has an MBA and is currently pursuing a second MBA.

Cain cited his track record of more than 20 years as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

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WHO WILL IT BE? Five of the candidates pictured above are angling for an available seat on the Board of Selectmen this election, but only one of them will get the prize. From left to right are hopefuls Robert Cain, the incumbent, Gerald Duggan, Karl Sagal, Frank West and Ann Yurek. Earlier in the debate, candidates Suzanne Sullivan and Daniel Wandell, Junior, went head-to-head in their bids for front-runner status for a one-year seat that is also available on the board. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Local Marine chosen for anti-terrorist battalion

By AIMEE MAILLETT

WILMINGTON - Last May, many Wilmington High School seniors were huddled over their desks, fighting the cramps in their hands from scribbling vigorously on their final exams to achieve their ultimate goal: graduation.

Meanwhile, another Wilmington High senior was 865 miles away, completing his own life-long goal: 13 weeks of a gut-wrenching, hardcore transformation from student to soldier.

Jack Webb, 19, opted to take his diploma early and ship off to Parris Island, South Carolina, eager to begin Marine Corps Recruit Depot, otherwise known as boot camp.

And if he had it his way, he would have begun basic training at four years old, when the red, white and blue of Old

Glory began twinkling in his eyes.

"I wanted to drop out of high school and go to boot camp," says Webb, who enlisted at age



MARINE JACK WEBB

with the anti-terrorist battalion, where he and 150 other men and women will use their extensive training to guard embassies against violent protestors and raid terrorist cells or training camps.

"We're not going to Iraq unless we have to," says Webb. "We could go to Italy or Germany, all different places around the world."

Though his love for the military may have begun at the mere age of four, the young soldier had Marine Corps blood running through his veins before he was even born.

Webb's grandfather, John J. Maguire, also of Wilmington, served in the Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II under the command of famous Marine Lieutenant General Louis "Chesty" B. Puller.

Maguire fought during the Battle of Guadalcanal, the Battle of Peleliu and the Cape Gloucester battle. All unforgettable and gruesome battles were fought during the Southern Pacific campaign in World War II.

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Local churches to embark on "40 Days of Purpose"

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - With the shape of the world ever changing in these turbulent times, are you wondering where you fit into the big picture?

In other words, might you be wondering what on earth you are here for?

Two churches in town are eager to help you answer that question.

Starting on Easter Sunday, which this year falls on April 20, Reverend Miles Hall, of the Wilmington Congregational Church, and Pastor Chuck Oblom, of the Wilmington First Baptist Church, will independently commence a program called "40 Days of Purpose."

The program stems from "The Purpose Driven Life," a best-

selling book written by Rick Warren, a pastor who serves at the Saddle Back Church in California. The book features 40 chapters and will be read at a rate of one a day for 40 days by those who wish to participate in the program.

According to Hall and Oblom, the responsibility of reading the book and committing to the program will rest on participants, but the good news is that they can proceed without the weight of the world on their shoulders.

How so? Well, take the very first sentence of the very first chapter: "It's not about you."

Instead, says Hall and Oblom, it's about God. "40 Days of Purpose" hopes to provide its

participants with the opportunity to improve their relationship with Christ in a way that will reveal to them their purpose on a planet filled with problems and distractions.

As stated, participants will read one chapter of the book a day. On Sundays, Hall and Oblom will discuss the sum of the week's chapters during the services at their churches. Then, during the week, readers will be able to attend sessions involving small groups that will either take place at Sunday School or the homes of others.

While Hall and Oblom have not yet passed through the program outside of Wilmington, both reverends have read Warren's book.

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Wilmington starts its first alumni association

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - A formal Wilmington Schools Alumni Association is finally becoming a reality, thanks to a number of factors, not least of which is the person who has never given up on the idea.

The cause has been championed for years by Kathleen (Harrington) Bell. Bell graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of '63, but she is better known to many as Mrs. Bell, since she became a math teacher at her alma mater in 1968.

"It's important to keep the history of this town, and I think the history lives within the people who grew up and were educated here," Bell states.

Bell credits the Internet as a major factor that has contributed to the success of the Association. This is not the first attempt at creating an alumni association. The last effort at such an undertaking was made in 1994 and Bell asserts that tracking down alumni quickly became an insurmountable task without a powerful tool like the internet. She cites monetary factors involved in correspondence through the mail as a detrimental factor in the past as well. Limited paper mailings will ensue, but email will be the format of choice for staying in touch with alumni in today's world.

Edward Woods, the Principal

at Wilmington High School, has provided office space, a desk and several filing cabinets for the association. Thanks to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Geraldine O'Donnell, the Educational Foundation has supported a grant to the Lowell Foundation to provide a computer, color laser printer, digital camera, and a scanner for use in the alumni office.

Bell will be retiring from her teaching duties this year and looks forward to working as the Chairperson of the Alumni Association.

Bell is quick to point out that graduation from Wilmington High School is not a requirement for eligibility in the

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Teenager recovering after being struck by drunk driver

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Local teenager Annette Moscufo, who was struck by a drunk driver on Woburn Street a little more than a week ago, was released from Massachusetts General Hospital on Sunday, March 30. She is continuing her recovery at home.

According to the Wilmington Police Department, Annette was traveling on Woburn Street on the evening of Friday, March 21 when her vehicle was struck head-on by a drunk driver who had crossed into her lane.

Emergency personnel responded quickly to the scene. A med-flight was called to transport Annette by helicopter to Massachusetts General Hospital; however, conditions that night proved too foggy for

air travel, so she was transported by ambulance instead. After the accident, the Moscufo's received the type of

phone call that touches the deepest fears of every parent. The call stated simply that

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WELCOME HOME. Local teenager Annette Moscufo is back home and recovering after being struck by a drunk driver on March 21 and spending the week that followed in the hospital. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Wilmington Board of Health's Annual Rabies Clinic

will be held on Saturday, April 5th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Public Buildings Department (formerly the location of the fire station on Church Street).

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SING! IT'S SPRING! From left to right, first graders Connor Farnham, Melanie Reagan, Jimmy Carroll, Craig Smith and Jocelyn Cornish belt out a number during the spring concert that was recently held at the Shawsheen Elementary School. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Veterans collection "care packages" for the troops overseas

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is now accepting donations and letters to be sent to troops who are overseas. Contributions can be brought to the VFW at the corner of St. Mary's Road on Vernon Street between the hours of noon and

10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Items needed for the troops include toilet paper, lip balm, baby wipes, candy, shampoo, soap, tampons, Kotex, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sunscreen, deodorant, flavored tea, flavored coffee, herbal tea and

crackers.

Letters to troops are most certainly encouraged.

Anybody with questions may call Gina Hickford at 978-657-4711 or Sandy and Ray Turcotte at 978-851-3819.

Wilmington man assumes command of school of aviation medicine

WILMINGTON - The U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine held a change of dean ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum recently. Lt. Col. John Campbell, son of Antoinette Campbell and the late James Campbell of Wilmington, assumed command of the school of aviation medicine replacing Col. James McGhee who will take command of the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory. Campbell has a diverse military background.

He completed Reserve officer training in 1981 and was commissioned in Army as a second lieutenant in the infantry. He quickly followed on with aviation training at Fort Rucker, qualifying in the OH-58 Kiowa,

the UH-1 Iroquois and the AH-1 Cobra. Campbell served his first assignment as a support and attack platoon leader at Fort Campbell, Ky. He was later assigned to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst before attending medical school at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine.

Campbell served as an intern at Fort Benning, Ga., and was accepted into the Residency of Aerospace Medicine Program. Upon completion, he served three years at the school of aviation medicine as the Flight Surgeon Course director and the chief of the Education Branch. For a year, Campbell worked at the aeromedical research laboratory before serving as the executive officer of the Proponency Office for Preventive Medicine. Most recently, he has been the department chief for aviation medicine at Fort Rucker.

He is a graduate of the Infantry Officers Basic Course, the Aviation and Army Medical Department Advanced courses, Combined Arms and General Staff School and the Command

and General Staff College. The native of Wilmington, holds a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Rhode Island and a doctorate in osteopathy from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also has a master's degree in safety and systems management and public health.

Campbell's awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals and three Army Achievement Medals. He wears the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Master Flight Surgeon Badge, Aviator Wings, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Air Force Flight Surgeon Wings. Foreign awards include the Honduran parachutist wings, the El Salvador parachutist wings and the German Troop Proficiency award (gold). Campbell has been married to his wife Tish, (Hadfield daughter of John and Shirley Hadfield, also of Wilmington) for 20 years. They have four children, Katelin, Kristine, Patrick and Matthew.

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Tewksbury Town Election April 5

TEWKSBURY - Town Clerk, Elizabeth Carey, informs voters that the polls will open at 8 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2003. Carey reminds voters of the polling place locations:

Precinct 1-1A is located at the DPW Building, 999 Whipple Road; Precinct 2 is located at the Teen Center, 286 Livingston Street; Precinct 2A is located at the South Fire House, 2342,

Main Street, Precinct 3-3A are located at the Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street; and Precinct 4-4A are located at the Library, 300 Chandler Street.

If we can be of further assistance please call the Town Clerk's Office at 978-640-4355. The Street List by Precinct is available on the internet www.tewksbury.info.town clerk/voting precincts.

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OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

Off to the Polls

Some freedoms we exercise more than others. Take the Freedom of Speech, for example. Here in America, you can disagree with a friend, write a letter to an editor, or give an elected official a piece of your mind.

Or how about the Freedom to Assemble? For months now, the streets of our nation's biggest cities have been flooded with demonstrators who both support and oppose the war that the United States has waged against the regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. You can even pass through the intersection of a small town and honk your horn with folks on the corner who are waving signs with slogans with which you agree.

What about the Freedom of Religion? Whether you are a Christian or a Muslim or a Jew, you are endowed with the right to worship your creator at the time and place and frequency of your choosing.

We have other freedoms, of course, but let's now refer to the one that we are perhaps called upon to exercise less frequently. That would be the right to vote.

How many times a year are Americans asked to report to the polls and cast a ballot in favor of their candidates of choice and positions on a particular issue? Two or three times at best? Primaries, town meetings and annual elections are among the first such opportunities to come to mind.

Such an infrequency makes the right to vote the most precious freedom available to Americans to enjoy. How sad, then, that fewer than a town's total of registered voters head to the polls on Election Day and elevate their chosen hopefuls to office.

That can change. As soon as this weekend, no less.

On Saturday, April 5, Tewksbury will hold its Annual Town Election. Wilmington will be having its big day two weeks later, on Saturday, April 19.

The Town Crier encourages voters to storm the polls in droves. We are craving to print front-page headlines that boast record voter turnouts in both communities.

Every voice matters. Every vote counts. Every individual contributes to the directions that his or her town will take when it comes to the quality of education, the tax rate, the environment, public buildings, services, roads, sidewalks and the professionalism of politicians and officials.

At the same time, there is so much more at stake with this month's elections than whether or not your vote swings a race in your favor. Currently, American men and women are engaged in battles in the Middle East that are as deadly and tense as any that have been fought in more than a generation.

Frequently, people fail to vote because they figure that their voices do not matter. In previous years, such failures resulted in low voter turnouts. This year, though, such a failure to vote risks making the sacrifice of an American soldier be one in vain.

Letters to the Editor

Signs for West, Sullivan stolen

Dear Editor:

It is a pleasure and a burden to have to write to you about this issue. It involves the flagrant disregard for private property and freedom of speech.

On the night of Monday, March 31, two candidates' signs were stolen from my front lawn. This happened last year and caused me to install video monitoring systems.

The thief, young or old, should understand that trespassing and theft are criminal offenses. My signs in support of Frank West and Suzanne Sullivan were stolen by either a supporter of Cain, Wandell, Duggan, Sagal or Yurek. I am not accusing. I am making an honest assumption.

I know for a fact that Mr. Frank West and Ms. Suzanne Sullivan would not steal their

own signs from my property.

My message to the candidates is, again, play fair and reprimand your particular supporters if they are the ones who are breaking the law.

I will continue to voice my support for Mr. West and Ms. Sullivan. In this election, I have a feeling that it will be cut-throat and there will be many dirty deeds as the election approaches. I am saddened by that.

I hope and pray that the public will truly see the character and honesty of West and Sullivan and that you will show your support for them at the polls.

Thank you,
Rev. Daryn Marsh
Wilmington
Baptist Fellowship

Thanks, WPD, WFD

Dear Editor:

The Eastman family would like to thank the Wilmington Police and Fire Departments for their instant response in our time of need.

It appears that (911) is working well and that the Police and Fire Departments are working

as a team effort to serve the people of Wilmington.

Again, we would like to thank your departments for their help and professionalism in our time of need.

Merle & Marlene Eastman
Brand Avenue

Sullivan is his clear choice

Dear Editor:

After watching the selectmen's debate on March 31, the choice for the one-year seat could not be clearer. If it were not candidate Suzanne Sullivan pushing the board to test the water, forming citizens groups to monitor Olin's testing and asking the tough questions in which the Chairman had no

clue about, maybe we would not be in the mess we are now in.

This is the time of change. We need people with new ways of looking at things and getting them done.

Jim Murray
Salem Street
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Bright and cheerful, small and comfortable with white walls, a chair rail and homey wallpaper beneath, SUNRISE has a fresh, free-and-easy feel. L-shaped with tables down the side and around the corner, this place is perfect to "hide" and read for an hour or so without being noticed or in the way.

But what makes SUNRISE different from all those other newish, trendy coffee cafes is the owners. This is truly a family affair. Every day you'll find Diane or Larry there. Or you'll find their daughter, or their other daughter, or sometimes yet another daughter, or son or

brother, or nephew (did I miss anyone?) or long-time employees who seem like family. Which means that everyone knows what they're doing! Service is fast, relaxed and friendly. All of the "regulars" are known by name. All of our little quirks and questions are met with quick quips, jibe and jab. If you're standing around wondering about trying something new, more often than not, a sample will pop up in front of you. Off and on some new creation ends up on my table to be critiqued. Just the other day I got to test a warm, toasted bagel with vegetable cream cheese spread and cut up tomatoes piled on top. Yum. I'm always complaining, to whoever will listen, about low-fat muffins being rubbery and sugary. So recently I was recruited to access Larry's latest effort at perfecting the ultimate low-fat, low-sugar diet delicacy. So far I've tried blueberry and lemon poppy seed. I like them. But I'm

terribly tempted to add a tiny touch of butter.

Muffins, Danish, scones, toast, English muffins and, yes, bagels are all good but I like lunch even better.

Soups, salads and sandwiches will satisfy, will testify. Try a melt, a wrap, a club or a sub. You can have a half or two halves to make a whole on wheat, white, roll or rye that will make you sigh, will make you die for a slice of pie, a cookie or a brownie.

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Several times over the years I've arrived at SUNRISE before opening - one time quite a bit before opening. I pounded on the front door, then the back kitchen door. They let me in. Every time!

One afternoon last fall I was sitting at SUNRISE having lunch with a friend who happens to be a Wilmington politician, of sorts. I looked up and who's coming through the door but our local Representative Jim Miceli. Surprised to see him I said "Hey, what brings you over here?" "Good food" was his answer. I couldn't have said it better myself. But don't forget the "Good Coffee" too.

So pick up some "JOE" to go. Whole bean or fresh ground by the pound, Breakfast blend to fancy flavored. The Herald and Globe are sold. Take your morning break. Wake. Lunch is best, take a guest to SUNRISE. It's cool, it's a jewel.

Questions/comments bet-symc@attbi.com

Letters to the Editor

Not everyone supports President Bush's "immoral" war

Dear Editor:

Not everyone in Wilmington supports President Bush and his immoral and unjust war. He has set a frightening precedent of going against the United Nations with few allies to start a preemptive war, causing so much more hatred against Americans and creating, not eliminating, future terrorists. As Harry Truman said, "You don't prevent anything by war, except peace." Besides, the only confirmed connection between Al Qaeda and Iraq is the letter "Q."

I have educated myself about issues leading up to this war. People do not need to blindly follow and agree with our current administration just

because we are at war. Dissent is still allowed in this country; furthermore, it is because I care deeply about our country and fear the consequences of this senseless war that I protest against it. I have been attending peace vigils in Shawshen Square in Andover on Sundays from noon to one and in Reading Square on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12, and I am proud of my involvement. How sad that Mr. Hardy sees us as "profiles in cowardice." It takes courage to openly disagree with our government these days. The tens of thousands of people who came to the peace rally in Boston on Saturday certainly demonstrated that I am not alone in my

beliefs.

I was very saddened and disappointed when our President issued his ultimatum and gave up too quickly on inspections and negotiations. How liberating is it for the Iraqis to be wounded or killed and to have their country pounded by bombs that destroy their homes and surroundings? So many brave young American and British men and women fighting in Iraq will be needlessly killed or permanently disabled from the fighting itself as well as from the effects of depleted uranium and possible chemical warfare. We folks who are against this war have grave concerns for our troops and believe in finding other solu-

tions to international conflicts. If you agree that diplomacy is better than all of this killing on both sides, come and join us at our peace vigils. Hopefully, one will be starting in Wilmington soon as well.

Bobbie Goldman
Wilmington

EDITOR'S NOTE. The reference to Mr. Hardy in this letter stems from a quote from a resident in a feature story titled "Wilmington unites behind U.S. troops" that appeared on the front page of last week's edition of the Town Crier.

Please participate in cancer survey

Dear Editor:

As a community we are responsible for the future welfare of our children in Wilmington. In recent history, there has been a noticeable increase of childhood cancers in town. After attending the March 24 Board of Selectmen meeting, I felt that we were all in agreement that there's much to be done to protect our most precious commodities. There was talk about the possible causes of cancers, which could be pesticides, food additives and materials in the air. We all recognize that we need to look at the water, thanks to a group of concerned citizens who worked so hard to push this issue. Even people who claim that they drink, cook and shower with bottled water should realize the fact that bottled water is not required to meet the standards imposed on town water.

The selectmen at the meeting are now receptive to the fact that the water issue needs to be addressed. It's frightening to know that there are contaminants in our soils and wells.

Most were probably placed in the grounds before the early 80's when people knew little about the potential effects it would cause in our environment today.

I've found hope in the fact that we have people in our town who recognize and have pushed the water issue. Our town is probably one of the first in the area to test for the chemical called NDMA or N-nitrosodimethylamine. Suzanne Sullivan was a strong presence at the meeting who not only is very knowledgeable in this area but also has a voice in this issue as well. She understands the importance or protection for our community, and has been working on the environmental issues and policies that govern them for years. Because this issue is very important, Suzanne is running for the one-year seat on the Board of Selectmen.

We need to be aware that there's fill being dumped in our town that could carry contaminants as well. It's our duty to educate ourselves and stand up for what's right for the future

of this community.

Almost two years ago, I felt at a loss about what I could do for the children stricken by cancer, until I learned about and participated in the cancer survey for one of my healthy sons. You can participate in the cancer study too. Please call Meg Blanchet at the Bureau of the Department of Public Health at 617-624-5757. We need studies done on our healthy children, so that they may be compared and evaluated with the studies done on the kids with cancer. In some way we hope to find a common link not only to help prevent this illness but also for learning disabilities and other illnesses that are happening now and in generations to come.

On October 30, 2002, my son Paul was diagnosed with the ALL-Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. There's no history of cancer on either side of our families. He was very healthy until about his senior year in high school. It will help him and many others to know that people care enough to take the time (approximately two hours) from busy schedules to help to fill out the survey. It would be the start of helping many others as well. God knows we need to come together as a community to help the future of our children.

Thank you,
Lee Brooks
Wilmington

Fullers are grateful

Dear Editor:

A HUGE and sincere "thank you" goes out to all of you for the outpouring of love and support you have shown to my family and me. Last Saturday's benefit on my behalf was a rousing success. This was made possible by the generosity of many, far too many to list individually. Please know that we are forever grateful to each of you. A special thank you goes out to Rocco's, Uncle

Mickey's, Hans Kissle and Sweetheart Plastics. Our sincerest appreciation goes to the Wilmington Fire Department, and, above all, our deepest gratitude to Brian Anderson for organizing this entire event.

It's of great comfort to me and my entire family to know that there are so many great family and friends in our lives.

Sincere thanks!
Richie Fuller and Family

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Letters to the Editor

Selectman McCoy: Time to end the "Cain Dynasty"

Dear Editor:
I'd like to respond to some statements that Selectman Robert Cain made at our March 24 Board of Selectmen meeting. He has stated that there are two selectmen, meaning myself and Selectman Lepore, who voted against the town manager without any reason.

Once again, Mr. Cain lies. When the vote was taken, relative to the town manager's reappointment, I read a prepared statement, and my reasons were published in the local newspaper.

Just to mention two reasons, number one, I made the comment that there was a company in the town of Wilmington stealing millions of dollars worth of sewer, and the town manager settled this situation for one million dollars, without consulting the Board of Selectmen. The town manager responded to this charge that he recouped one million dollars because there was a faulty meter. I confronted him in an open select-

men's meeting that the town of Wilmington did an inspection of this company, and found there were only three meters where there should have been five meters. Therefore, two meters were bypassed; therefore, that was where the theft had occurred.

The town manager said nothing after those statements to correct me. As we all know, Mike Caira has never been shy to correct a selectman when he felt they were wrong. I would like the citizens to ask themselves a question: When was the last time a company forked over \$1 million for a simple faulty meter?

Another reason I voted against Mike Caira is that there was a male town employee, while on town time, stalking and harassing females in our community. This town employee was nothing more than a sexual predator, loose on town time. The town manager let this individual resign with full benefits, instead of being fired. If that were me, or almost any citizen in this town, they would have brought back town center hangings and sold refreshments. What's even more disgusting? This individual was not even prosecuted for this. The citizens of Wilmington should be outraged that this took place.

I also made other comments pertaining to the reasons why I voted against Mike Caira's reappointment. By the way, I

was the swing vote in 1993 that initially saved Mike Caira's job. I voted for the town manager in a total of three separate reappointments over the past 10 years. However, the most recent vote taken just a few weeks ago was the right vote at this time. I stated publicly, after I voted against the town manager, that if he were to prove to me that he could do a better job in relating important issues to the Board of Selectmen over the next three years, I could once again give him a vote of confidence.

Bob Cain has been selectman for over 25 years, which I give him credit for being selectman for that long. However, over the past few years, Bob Cain has been out of sync with the residents of this community. One example, at a selectmen's meeting less than one month ago, he voted against his own neighbors from the Salem Street area, relative to the new construction of over 120 units on just three acres of property (a.k.a. Whispering Pines) to be constructed by Joe Langone of Northeast Development.

He has threatened to have people removed from the audience because they speak in opposition to him. He has threatened to call the police on citizens. He has been out of control as chairman over these past few years. If he can't help his own neighbors in his own neighborhood, what do you think he will do in YOUR neighborhood?

neighborhood?

I hope the citizens of this town won't be fooled. Even though Bob Cain is running for reelection for his own seat, he and selectman candidate Ann Yurek are running as a team. Even though they APPEAR to be competitors running for the same seat, the political game plan is that they have at least two irons in the fire during this election, hopefully one of those irons will catch fire and win. They are playing the old political percentage game, and one will be the "sacrificial lamb."

Ann Yurek and Bob Cain have always been part of the same political camp. They want to keep the status quo. They want to maintain the power and majority in this town, and it has to deal with a five letter word - specifically - "MONEY." If you take a look around town, you see Bob Cain's political signs popping up on vacant lots and commercial property located on Lowell Street, Church Street, town center, and Middlesex Avenue. Most of those properties are owned by none other than Joe Langone of Northeast Development. Selectman Bob Cain REALLY knows how to return a favor. It's time for the "Cain Dynasty" to end.

Michael McCoy
Selectman
Wilmington

Caira explained library circumstances clearly

Dear Editor:
In a letter to the editor last week, it was stated that "there was never any money in place

to even get the (library) project off the ground without going to the taxpayers to totally fund another large capital project."

Is this a revelation to anyone at this point?

At each of the three public meetings, the town manager clearly explained that it would be necessary to have a debt exclusion vote by referendum in order to finance the construction of a new public library. It was also noted on numerous occasions that the design fees and related costs would be funded from available free cash. Mr. Caira provided details of the long and short term tax impact on the average Wilmington homeowner to anyone who was interested enough to attend the meetings. He again clearly explained at the January meeting that going forward with the library project would be difficult, given the state fiscal crisis and dramatic reduction in the state aid, which was not a factor at the

Special Town Meeting last August.

Let's be sure to congratulate those who were responsible for derailing the project. Thanks to their efforts, we can all breathe a sigh of relief that we can continue to patronize an inadequate, outdated money pit that we will be shoring up with our tax dollars for years to come. But hey, at least it's still on the common, right? And it's wonderful that the former Whitfield School site remains a neglected neighborhood eyesore primarily used by dog walkers.

We sure were smarter than the residents of Tewksbury, Burlington, Methuen, Dracut, Billerica, Lowell and Wakefield, all of whom were ignorant enough to fund new libraries or sensible renovations. Talk about "the haves and the have nots."

Eileen MacDougall
Wilmington

Honor a teacher

Dear Editor:
This letter is to provide your readers with information regarding the Wilmington Educational Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to attract and distribute funds to support the use of technology in the Wilmington schools.

One of the Foundation's current objectives is to raise enough money to purchase a Wireless Computer Cart, containing 24 wireless laptop computers, that can be moved among classrooms. The projected cost of this cart is \$38,000. The school system is very excited about this cart and eagerly awaits its purchase and use.

Direct contributions to the Foundation are always appreciated; however, one method of contribution receiving favor is in the form of a "Teacher Tribute." Most former Wilmington students and/or

their parents often have memories of the impact certain teachers have had on their lives and careers. The Foundation is always happy to receive donations in the name of a current or former Wilmington teacher, including a statement as to the impact made by said teacher(s). Copies of the letters are then sent to those teachers for whom the donation is made as a "Teacher Tribute."

If you feel inclined to honor a Teacher in this way, or just wish to contribute to the learning environment in our schools, please send your donations to: Wilmington Educational Foundation/161 Church Street/Wilmington, MA 01887. Thanks for your consideration.

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Letters to the Editor

A vote for Sullivan is a vote for the town

Dear Editor:

I want to extend thanks and appreciation for the many kind words regarding my research that led some state officials to looking beyond "drinking water standards" for the "real risks" that are documented in the recharge areas of our drinking water supply. I also extend my sincere regrets.

In late 1999 I learned of the elevated childhood cancers in our town, and heard the voices wondering "if something could be wrong environmentally" from those who spoke out and also took ridicule as they knew "something was just not right."

We can do something about "what we know" (or choose to know) and, frankly, I am outraged but hopeful.

Little did I know, then, the poisonous chemicals lingering in the environment? I now know what our town knows: that toxic chemicals are in our ground and in our air, and no community should have to endure "more than their fair share of environmental injustice." (Wilmington is not alone). For a small town that wants to maintain its character, we are ranked 18th in the state for "top toxic use users."

Industry no longer dumps into

unlined lagoons, and best management practices are key.

I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many wonderful people through the years, and there is one citizen who stands out above and beyond - Suzanne Sullivan. She has taken the initiative once again to follow through and step up to the plate by running for the Board of Selectmen, a democratic process that allows the voice of the people to be the governing body, the decision maker.

Suzanne Sullivan has worked and educated me on the environmental governing process.

She has a well rounded vision for our future and is a dedicated worker. State and federal officials know that it is the citizen who knows the "nuts and bolts" of their own community, and each is unique. I have lived in this town for over 40 years. It is time to get to work and face all the issues in our community (as one intertwines with the other).

A vote for Suzanne Sullivan is a vote for the town. Government should be working for you! Let's keep it that way.

Debbie Duggan
Wilmington

Incumbent is his target, not manager

Dear Editor:

Here we go again.

This letter is an attempt to dispel the rumors that the only reason I am running for the Board of Selectmen is to fire the Town Manager.

This is so far from the truth. The Town Manager is not an issue in my campaign, nor should it be in any other candidate's campaign. This false allegation was made in 1992

and constantly repeated by another selectman. Anyone who spreads this rumor or believes it doesn't have a clue as to who I am.

The rumors being spread in this campaign serve no purpose, other than to feed the fears of the incumbent. I'll go back to my motto, a quote made by the town manager in the middle 90s, "Change is good." This quote is directed to

the incumbent. If that quote is interpreted by others as some kind of threat, that's their problem.

Anyone can believe what they want, and they will, and there's nothing I can do about it, other than to say what I think the issues are, which are water issues, tax issues, senior issues, traffic issues and educational issues, in that order or any combination thereof. If anyone

wants to read about my issues or contact me about their issues, they can go to my website

www.electgerryduggan.com, which will cover those subjects and have links to other Wilmington-related subjects.

Thank you,
Gerry Duggan

Hoopers thankful

Dear Editor:

Our family would like to express how thankful we are to the 911 dispatchers who answered our call for help on March 18 at 2:15 a.m.

Wilmington's Fire Department, speedy response by Group 3, Bob Varey, Ken Gray, Bill Herrick and Chuck Taylor.

The professional and courteous service that they provided to our family member in his time of need saved his life.

Words alone cannot express what our family feels, we are forever grateful.

As residents of this community we are fortunate to have such a highly trained professional group, that provide us with the highest quality of service whenever and wherever it's needed.

Thank you,
The Hooper Family

Support Articles 38 and 39

Dear Editor:

Our town has certainly seen its share issues the last couple years. We have seen and experienced the impact of large capital projects, the Middle School, the Public Safety Building, the Miceli Bridge, the Wilmington Train Station and Route 38/129 improvements. There have also been smaller projects, such as the repaving of streets, water main replacement, sidewalk construction and resurfacing throughout town. The money for many of the projects are voted on and appropriated at Annual Town Meeting.

We have also seen the political dysfunction of our Board of Selectmen. We have seen and felt the negative effect of the voters not being able to decide representation with the resignations of Newhouse and Garrant and the appointments of Hooper and Forrest. An affirmative vote on Article 38 at the Annual Town Meeting will never allow that to happen again.

We've endured the Plume, Olin, the contaminated Maple Meadows Landfill, the old firing range and the smell of chlorine in our drinking water. If it wasn't for the active participation of the residents, we never would have seen any of the information that is now at our disposal. Those residents have put forth a petition, Article 39, for Annual Town Meeting.

The upcoming election is going to define if voter apathy has really changed for the better. I have great hope that our 14,000 voters will observe their right and make their voices heard on April 19th, 2003.

Daniel Woodbury
Wilmington

CORRECTION

In a recent edition of the Town Crier, a letter written by resident Robert Ethier consisted of an error that was made during the editing process. In the letter, a sentence should have read, "For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." The word "other," regrettably, had instead read "our" upon the letter's publication a few weeks ago.

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Mark DiGiovanni announces candidacy for School Committee

My name is Mark DiGiovanni, and I am announcing my candidacy for a three year position on the Wilmington School Committee.

Having been appointed to the School Committee in October of 2002, I believe I am well on my way to rejuvenating the faith, trust, and respect that the Wilmington School System deserves, and proudly ask that you support me in this effort on Saturday, April 19.

I am a lifelong resident of Wilmington, and a product of Wilmington Public Schools, a school system that provided me with the opportunity to develop into a well rounded individual, and most importantly the chance to continue my education at a well

respected institution. As a senior at Babson College, in Wellesley, I will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science

Degree in Business Management. Beyond Babson, I will be employed at BAE Systems, where I was accepted into the Financial Leadership Development Program. The pride I have for the Wilmington School System, and the confidence it has bestowed upon me to succeed beyond its walls, has inspired me to make sure that the youth of this community benefit from Wilmington Schools as much as I did.

Our school system will soon enter a new era of leadership under our recently appointed

Superintendent, Mr. William McAlduff. Having taken part in the final stages of this selection process, I am confident that this school system is on the route to serve as a model for public education, and it is my hope to have the opportunity to be part of this exciting endeavor.

Among the many tasks that our school system will face in the foreseeable future include reviewing our district's current five year strategic plan and replacing several key administrative positions. Having been a member of the original Strategic Planning Committee in 1998 as a student at Wilmington High School, I will now look to focus on the implementation of new initiatives and ensure that the goals embodied in that plan are achieved. In addition, replacing longtime, dedicated employees in administrative roles such as Special Education Director, Athletic Director, and Food Services Director, will all be part of a vital transition period

that began with the selection of our new Superintendent.

My first hand experience of the challenges students face in today's society, combined with intimate knowledge of this school system, will allow me to continue to provide the committee with invaluable insight, ensuring our youth's success beyond our supervision. The extremely intense competitive nature between students and career paths at the collegiate level today is more prevalent than ever before. Therefore, it is crucial that our children receive a top notch education, along with the inner poise that is necessary to succeed.

I believe it is essential that parents and children are included in decisions that will affect the school system. Electing me to this position will insure that the interests of Wilmington's youth are voiced with vigor and resolve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Gerry Duggan running for Selectman

Gerald Duggan, a Wilmington native and life-long resident, has announced his candidacy for the Board of Selectman.

Gerry graduated from Wilmington High School in 1958 and attended Northshore and Middlesex Community Colleges. A 32-year homeowner/taxpayer, he is married to the former Ann Loud. He is the father of Kerri (WHS 1989) and her husband Bob Ingram and Cristin (WHS 1992) and her husband James McMullin, who has been deployed to the Middle East on March 4.

Gerry served the Town of Wilmington for over 22 years as a firefighter/EMT. He is a past president and secretary/treasurer of Local 1370, currently is an active/retiree. For the past 20 years, he has been an Associate of the W. S. Cavanaugh Funeral Home in Wilmington. Served

on the Board of Sectman for three years, 1992-1995 and has been on the board of Wilmington Family Counseling for seven years, serving as



President 1999-2002, presently vice-president. Is serving as a mentor to a student in the middle school each week. This program is sponsored by the

Wilmington School/Business Partnership. Gerry is a Past Master of North Reading Lodge of Masons A.F. & A.M. where he is active in the Blood Donor program and Hospital Equipment program. He has also organized a Masonic "CHIP" (Child Identification Program). Gerry also serves on the finance committee in his church. He is actively restoring a piece of Wilmington History, a 1903 horse drawn hand pumper. Presently he has a Amish carriage maker constructing a new wheel and hopefully will have the wheel back so that the "Hand Tub" will debut being drawn by a horse in the Memorial Day Parade, which will celebrate the "Tubs" and the Fire Departments 100th anniversary.

Gerry believes "We need to pool our rich human resources to solve problems and work for

the common good of ALL our citizens." Committed to helping bring the community out of the economic crisis and plan for the future, he promises the voters of Wilmington that he will work hard for improvements in several areas: The Environment, Economic Development, Elderly and Handicapped Services, Public Safety and Education.

Gerry believes that "Change is Good" and if elected will embrace change for the good of the community. His reasonable, thoughtful approach to problems and his ability to work effectively with people of diverse interests and needs are the marks of his approach to public service. "After all," he says, "that's what it's all about — listening to people, caring, and just trying to help make life a little better for all of us who live and work in this community."

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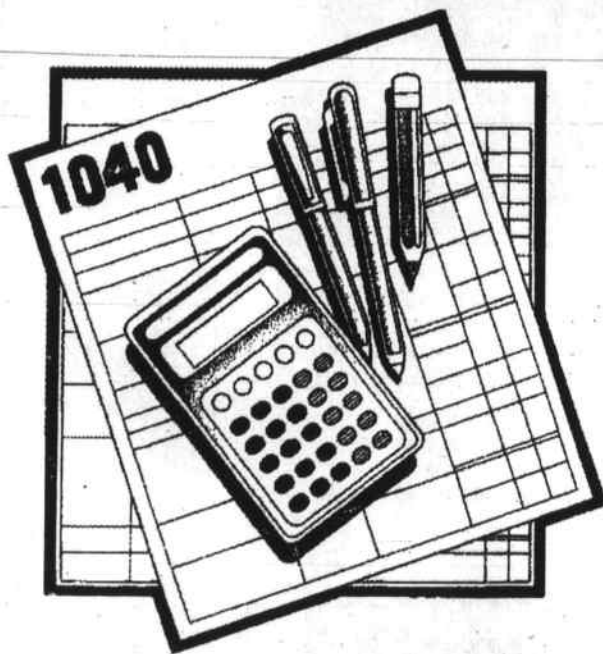
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Suzanne Sullivan announces candidacy for Selectman

WILMINGTON - Suzanne Sullivan has announced her candidacy for the one year unexpired term on the Wilmington Board of Selectmen.

Sullivan has been an active



member of the Town of

Wilmington for 14 years. She is the mother of three children, all in the Wilmington School system. She understands the importance of a quality education. She has a proven and vested interest in the community.

Suzanne has always been at the forefront of the town's environmental and water quality issues. She is a co-founder of the Headwaters Stream Team for the Ipswich River, served as a member of the Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan Citizen Advisory Committee, a member of the Community Advisory Panel to develop the South Wilmington Water Study, the co-chair of the Upper Ipswich River Committee, a citizen member of the Public Involvement Plan for the Olin

Chemical Site, a Water Quality monitor for the Ipswich River, and a member of the Ipswich Watershed Management Council.

Suzanne has assumed a leadership role in advocating for the proper cleanup of Olin Chemical and the Maple Meadow Landfill. She even lobbied local legislators to file legislation that would prohibit distributing contaminated soils into a zone two drinking water district.

One of Suzanne's greatest strengths is being the voice for many residents concerns in protecting open space in Wilmington. She served as a member of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.

Recognizing the need for balancing open space with con-

trolled responsible development, Suzanne Sullivan advocated for and participated in the Master Plan process since 1999.

Since becoming involved in Wilmington many years ago, Suzanne has always listened to the residents concerns. In the past months campaigning, she has taken that interest one step further. She went out and met with the citizens and listened to their concerns regarding their community.

She has developed a vision for the future of Wilmington. Some of her priorities include:

Affordable Senior Housing. Seniors need someplace to live that remains within their income. Suzanne has come up with a possible solution to that problem. The town should solic-

it non-profit organizations to build these homes on town owned land. When completed, first priority would go to local seniors.

40B. If the program for senior housing as described above is implemented those housed would count towards the town's affordable housing stock. There is no question that there is a need for affordable housing in Wilmington and across the Commonwealth. The problem is that towns should not be forced to approve permits that do not fit in with the character of the town. Suzanne believes that the need for low income housing

should not supercede other objectives like smart growth.

Property Taxes. Suzanne Sullivan is concerned about the revaluation of home values coming up this year. This revaluation could make living in this community more difficult for many families and elderly. As long as we have such a large free cash surplus, Suzanne will not support any increased burdens on taxpayers.

Suzanne Sullivan has been and will continue to be working for you.



Wilmington Library Notes by Christina Stewart

Celebrate National Library Week

WILMINGTON - Wilmington Memorial Library will celebrate National Library Week, April 6 to April 12, with the following events:

New website

The library's web site, www.wilmlibrary.org, will debut during National Library Week with a redesigned look and new features. Barbara Myles, head of Technical Services and "webmaster," worked with library staff to develop an attractive and user friendly site that explains library services and provides access to the online catalog and authoritative databases. The design of the web site will allow us to easily add new content and new features as necessary. Residents are encouraged to check out the new web site and discover all the library offers.

Library logo

The library's new web site features our new logo. Thanks to Lucina Roark who volunteered her time to design the handsome library logo. Using her background as an artist and web designer, Ms. Roark developed the logo using the first three letters of "Wilmington Memorial Library" with the "L" as an open book. The new logo will be used not only on the web site but also on library public relations material and correspondence.

Fine Free Week @ your library

During National Library Week, patrons who have over-

due library material will have the opportunity to return it without being charged any fines. Check under the bed, on the bookshelves, the dining room table and school lockers for any overdue library material and return them to the library during the amnesty period, April 7 to April 12.

Teen Book Discussion

The group recently chose *Fire Bringer* by David Clement-Davies for the next meeting, Friday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the library. New Middle School and High School members are always welcome. All participants are eligible for a door prize. Animal fantasy fans will love this book! For more information please call Teen Services Librarian, Nathalie Demers at 978-694-2098.

Teen Comics Club

Next meeting will be Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Join this growing club! Our current members include boys and girls from middle and high school. Come and try your luck at the door prize, a graphic novel! This is a drop-in program.

Fantasy Mural Art

Children eight through 12 are invited to join us on Monday, April 7 at 3:30 p.m. for an afternoon of drawing wizards, dragons, fairies, knights, horses and elves. We will combine all our individual artworks to create a mural depicting a fantasy world of magic and excitement. Participants will explore drawing in colored pencil and mark-

ers. Paints and glitter will also be used to finish our group effort. The completed mural will be on display in the Children's Room. Juice and a snack will be provided. Registration is required. Please visit or call the Children's Room at 978-694-2098 to register. Sponsored by Shady Lane Art Studio.

The Pat Puppets with Patricia Boylan

A presentation by Patricia Boylan of the children's classics, *Peter Rabbit*, *The Gingerbread Boy* and *City Mouse, Country Mouse*, using dramatic hand puppets and a traditional puppet stage will captivate children ages three and older on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. The show will offer an opportunity for the children to visit backstage with the puppets, ask questions and find out how they themselves can become "puppeteers" with simple materials found at home.

Tickets are required for this program, which is funded through a Community Partnerships for Children grant by the Massachusetts Department of Education, and may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at 978-694-2098 beginning Thursday, April 3.

Kids' Book Discussion

A drop-in discussion of the bat fantasy *Firewing* by Kenneth Oppel, recommended for those in grades four through eight, will be held Friday, April 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Book Discussion for Second and third graders

The Ghost Fox by Laurence Yep, based on a Chinese story, will be discussed by children in the second and third grade on Friday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m. No registration is necessary.

The Pines to send care packages

TEWKSBURY - The Pines of Tewksbury is planning to send a care package to American soldiers overseas. Donations will be most welcome and may be dropped off at The Pines during the month of April.

The Pines is located at 2580 Main St., Tewksbury. The package is planned for our heroes overseas, to let them know that we care and that we are very proud of them.

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GERRY DUGGAN

APRIL 19, 2003, 10AM - 8PM

My name is Gerry Duggan, a life long resident, Attended Wilmington Public Schools, class of '58, raised my family in Wilmington, Served as a Wilmington Firefighter/EMT for 22 years, Served hundreds of Wilmington family's as an associate at the W. S. Cavanaugh funeral home for 20 years, initiated the Adopt-a-Road program in Wilmington, have served on many committees over the years, and I am presently serving as Vice President of the Board of Directors of Wilmington Family Counseling, which has enabled me to become a Mentor to a student at the Wilmington Middle School one day each week of the school year.



It is time to take our town back, "CHANGE IS GOOD", and it is time for change, and it has to start with the incumbent. Because I have used the slogan, change is good, there is a perception that I am running for only one reason. Please, there are so many more issues this town faces. If we break up the "CLIQUE" that has been running things, RUDENESS, ARROGANCE and lack of simple COURTESY will vanish. The incumbent has forgotten, first, that three out of his last four elections haven't been near a majority, so who does the incumbent represent? The incumbent manages to antagonize enough people, so that several will run against him, the vote is split and he wins. This is what has happened again this year. You, the voter has to sort out the candidates, determine who is connected to who, I have no connections to any current selectmen, developers, town boards, I don't need a job for a family member, which brings up a question, Why am I doing this? "I believe that Wilmington has been a Great community and can continue to be". I believe we should have a primary election when more than two people run for a single selectman's year, and more than four run for a two selectman year. If I am elected, the embarrassing newspaper articles that have been printed the past couple of years will end.

One of the Major issues facing the town is our Water, Sadly we have made the top of a list, not one that we wanted, in Boston Magazine, April 2003, there is a article written by Matthew Wilson, Director of Toxics Action Center, which states "In other towns, the threat comes not from the air, but from water, Wilmington has one of the highest age adjusted mortality rates in the state. It's also got a number of hazardous waste sites and recently had to temporarily shut down one of its water wells, because of contamination. "Wilmington's a mess", says Matthew Wilson, which has put two separate hazardous sites in the town on its "dirty dozen" list of contaminated places" We need pure water to survive.

Taxes are another issue I am concerned with, I believe that the town is taking more from us than is necessary, otherwise how did we accumulate \$9.3 million free cash.

Wilmington is in a fortunate position. We have good schools, a new public safety building. We receive a substantial amount of revenues from businesses in town. I look forward to working with other selectman, if elected, towards investing my energy's into the towns infrastructure. When the economy rebounds, Wilmington will be poised, with the help of the state and federal governments to improve our roads and sidewalks, while keeping a moderate and adequate residential tax base.

I fully enjoy a democracy, where the majority rules, the minority interests are observed, and everyone is allowed to speak. I have and will continue to listen to you. I look forward to bringing a balance to the Board of Selectman, so we may all enjoy this great community of Wilmington.

Questions and comments go to www.electgerryduggan.com

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Obituaries

Thomas S. Joyce

Former usher at St. Thomas Church; 3rd and 4th degree Knights of Columbus; at 69

WILMINGTON - Thomas S. Joyce, 69, of Wilmington, died March 27, 2003, at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Woburn.

Born in Wakefield, he was the son of the late Patrick J. and the late Anne L. (Hickey) Joyce.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and prior to retirement was employed as a carpenter for Local #26 and worked for Cumberland Farms.

Mr. Joyce was a past secretary of Local #41, past chairman Exploring Council, Associate Scout Master Troop 63, member third degree and 4th degree Knights of

Columbus, and a former usher at St. Thomas Church.

Mr. Joyce is survived by his widow, Evelyn W. (Evans); his daughter Theresa W. Nagle of Revere, his son John E. Joyce of Jacksonville, FL; his sister Mary E. Sullivan of Melrose; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was also the father of the late Stephen T. Joyce of Wilmington.

His funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington Monday morning followed by a funeral mass at St. Thomas Church and interment in the family lot, Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Clayton M. Dolliver

foreman at Don Shapiro; 62

TEWKSBURY - Clayton M. Dolliver Jr., age 62, died Friday morning, Mar. 28, at his home. He was the husband of Carol S. (McLellan) Dolliver, with whom he would have celebrated a 40th wedding anniversary on May 4th.

He was born in Boston, Sept. 13, 1940, a son of the late Clayton and Beulah (Arenburg) Dolliver. He was raised in Cambridge, where he had lived until moving to Tewksbury in 1970.

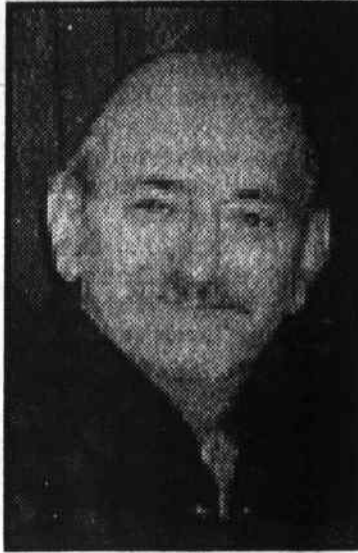
He was employed as a foreman at the Don Shapiro company in Everett.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Stacy (Onessimo) Dolliver of Dracut, his sister, Joan LeBlanc of Natick, and many nieces and nephews.

He was also brother of the late Helen Cardarelli and Laurreta Nordstrom.

His funeral service was held Tuesday, April 1, in the Tewksbury United Methodist

Church. Interment was in Tewksbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Clayton may be made to: Merrimack Valley



Hospice, 360 Main St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. Arrangements were through the Tewksbury Funeral Home.

www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

Palma M. Bateman

devoted homemaker; at 99

TEWKSBURY - Palma M. Bateman (Flamia) Bateman of Tewksbury, formerly of Manomet and Everett, died at the Blaire House, March 30, 2003 at the age of 99 years.

Prior to living in Tewksbury she was a resident of Manomet for many years and lived in Everett prior to that. A homemaker, she was predeceased by her husband Herbert H. Bateman and is survived by her children Evelyn H. Hoenig of Wilmington and Barbara A.

Johnston and her husband Richard of Tewksbury; seven grandchildren, Larry, Linda, Donna, Joanne, Cheryl, Gail and Paul; 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was scheduled to be held at the Joseph A. Carr Funeral Home, 350 Broadway, Everett Wednesday, April 2 at 10 a.m. with interment to follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Pauline F. Lauziere

lifelong Wilmington resident; devoted homemaker

WILMINGTON - Pauline F. (Surette) Lauziere of Wilmington died March 30, 2003 at Winchester Hospital. She was the widow of Charles F. Lauziere.

Born in Wilmington, and a lifelong resident of the town, she was the daughter of Lillian D. and the late Joseph Surette. She was the sister of the late Joseph Surette of Clinton and the mother of Gail E. Pettiglio and her husband Anthony of Woburn, Scott Lauziere and his wife Sheila of Ossipee, N.H., Keith Lauziere and his wife Diane of Ossipee, N.H., Mark Lauziere and his wife Karen of Wilmington. She is also sur-

vived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Lauziere was an excellent homemaker and very devoted to her mother, children, grandchildren and great-grandson.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Thomas Church, Wilmington, Tuesday, April 1 at 10 a.m., with Fr. Early as the celebrant. Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery.

Donations made in her memory to St. Thomas Church, Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, will be appreciated. Arrangements were under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home of Wilmington.

WHS College Information Night

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington High School Guidance Department will be sponsoring a College Information Night on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. for all juniors and their parents.

This event will enable students and parents to understand the college application process more effectively.

Representatives from community, state and private colleges, as well as a panel of current seniors will take participants through the application process.

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Barbara A. Maloney

formerly of Wilmington; at 85

TEWKSBURY - Barbara A. (Schaefer) Maloney, of Tewksbury, formerly of Wilmington, died March 26, 2003 at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell. She was 85 years old.

Born in Bethlehem, PA, February 12, 1918, she lived in Wilmington for over 40 years prior to moving to Tewksbury 10 years ago.

Mrs. Maloney was the widow of Robert J. Maloney and is survived by her children Robert B. Maloney and his wife Linda of South Yarmouth (formerly of Tewksbury), Barbara J. Cram and her husband Milton of Methuen, Edward J.

Maloney and his companion Carrie Steinbach of Royalston and David J. Maloney and his wife Alice of Derry, NH; her grandchildren Jerry, Mark, Patrick and Theresa Maloney, Lisa Perry and Heather Cram and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Maloney was also the mother of the late Gerald D. Maloney.

Friends were invited to visit at the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington on Monday from 2 to 6 p.m. Memorials in her name, made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701, will be appreciated.

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(with apologies to Robert Frost)

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If you don't agree with their view,
Then the problem must be you.

They cannot be taken to task.
Because they have questions to ask.
And meetings to attend before they sleep;
And meetings to attend before they sleep.

George R. Allan
Wilmington, Ma.

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to live in this great land.

We are America, Land of the Free,
Let's teach our kids the history of how we came to be.
We are America, Home of the Brave,
There are those who live and die
for us, so we can live each day.

L. Spiro



Long gone now, but one hundred years ago this graceful elm shaded the yard in front of the Gowing farm house on Park Street in Wilmington. Recently the house disappeared, too. Gone, but not forever. It was disassembled and moved to Maine where it will be reassembled.

The story of the Gowing Elm

From the 1930 History of Wilmington:

On the fated morning of April 19, 1775, two companies of Minute Men started out on the road to Lexington very early in response to the "alarum," one of them commanded by Captain Cadwallader Ford, the other by Capt. Timothy Walker. Later another went out, commanded by Capt. John Harnden. They fought at Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill. The number of Wilmington men who fought in the Revolutionary War was 260, including 24 captains, several of whom rose to higher command.

This indicates that nearly all the able-bodied men of Wilmington were engaged in the struggle for liberty. Records of the Gowing Family, proudly cherished by the Gowing Family Association, which meets yearly in Wilmington to keep alive traditions of the line, bear out the above story of the march to Lexington. Daniel Gowing, the original member of the family to settle here, lived on the old Gowing place situated on what is now Park Street, not far from the North Reading line. He was a member of the Wilmington

Train Band and in response to the "alarum" he hastened to report at Wilmington - doubtless at the meeting-house - the morning of the 19th, to Captain Cadwallader Ford. He rode his horse to the rendezvous, and, thinking there was need for haste he reached for a switch, seizing a sapling that grew beside the road. We can see him bending from the saddle, grasping it with the grip of a sturdy farmer, and aided by the motion of his horse tugging it loose, roots and all. It may be that he left his horse at the Centre when he set out in the

ranks of Captain Ford's company. When he returned home after the epic events of the day he found the sapling still on his saddle. It proved to be an elm seedling and he planted it in front of his house.

As if marked by destiny to serve as a monument, it took root and grew and was long known as the Lexington Elm. It was cut down about the time of the World War, but its huge stump bears testimony to its nearly a century and a half of age.

DiPaolo joins GMAC Real Estate



TEWKSBURY - Jeanette Tighe, manager of the Carlson GMAC Real Estate's Tewksbury office has announced that Lina DiPaolo has joined the Tewksbury sales office.

Lina brings years of experience in residential listings and sales in Wilmington and surrounding towns. Lina is a continuous Multi-Million dollar producer and will be assisting to Carlson GMAC. She lives in Wilmington with her husband and two sons, both of whom attend Shawsheen Tech. Lina is also fluent in Italian.

"Carlson GMAC Real Estate will provide an edge with its comprehensive training, powerful marketing tools and access to buyers and sellers from this area and across the country. I look forward to using my skills

and knowledge of the Wilmington and Tewksbury area to service my clients and customers," says Lina DiPaolo.

Carlson GMAC Real Estate is the New England Keystone operation for GMAC Real Estate with over 1,200 agents and 68 sales offices. Carlson GMAC Real Estate is a full service real estate company providing residential and commercial sales and rentals,

buyer and seller representation, on-site mortgage assistance, relocation and referral services and real estate education. For more about our company and services go to www.carlsonre.com or our national site at www.gmacrealestate.com.

"Our vision is to be the best at helping clients and customers realize their home ownership dreams," said manager,

Jeanette Tighe.

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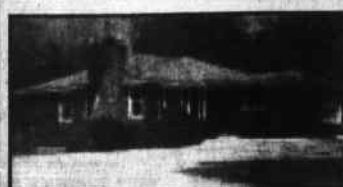
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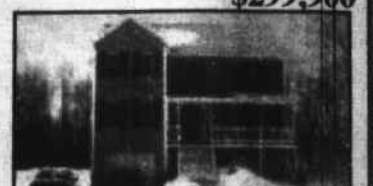
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Tewksbury seniors to hold first Breakfast Benefit

TWEEKSBURY - Sunday, April 6, the seniors will host their first Breakfast Benefit of the year. The event will be held from 7:30 to 11 a.m. The menu will include: scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, homefries, beans, cinnamon bread and beverage. Proceeds from the event - will benefit the Tewksbury Food Pantry.

Tickets may be obtained at the Senior Center and from the Food Pantry staff and workers. Tickets will also be available at the door while they last at the following prices: \$4 for adults; \$2 for children under 12 and, toddlers free. This would also be a great time to bring a donated non-perishable food item in for the Food Pantry.

A reminder to everyone: don't forget to turn your clocks ahead an hour. Daylight saving time begins April 6 when we spring ahead!

Residents are reminded that Saturday, April 5, is Town Election Day. Do remember to cast your votes on Saturday.

Many thanks are extended to all those people who helped to make the recent Senior Center Yard Sale & Antique Road Show a success. The 50/50 raffle winner was Mark Woods while the Bunny and Plant raffle winners were: Ms. Tostes won the bunny and Kay Maher won the plant arrangement. The Silver Tones Band raffle was won by Doris Olson.

A special note of thanks is extended to the little boy who donated his last 20 cents to the Senior Center Building Fund. This little gentleman said he would have given more but the 20 cents was all that he had. Along with his donation came warm and caring thoughts which were appreciated by all our seniors - thank you, young man!

The Diabetes Support group will meet at the Senior Center Tuesday, April 8, beginning at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Our Cootie Party fans are reminded that this month's Senior Center Cootie Party will be held Friday, April 11 beginning at 12:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The Council on Aging and the Friends of the Elderly will hold

a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Senior Center Sunday, April 13, beginning at noon with a buffet and followed by the entertainment of Tony Pace.

As noted last week, we need the help of all our volunteers prior to the event. The executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) has asked the Council to establish job titles and job descriptions for all its volunteers. Therefore, we are asking that volunteers pick up a form, fill it out and return it to one of our staff members. When you turn in your form, you will be given a ticket for the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. We thank you for your anticipated assistance with this task and we ask you to submit your forms by Monday, April 7 at the latest.

Dr. Smith will conduct a Podiatry Clinic at the Senior Center Tuesday, April 15. This clinic will be limited to the first 25 Tewksbury Seniors who sign up with priority given to those who were on the waiting list of the last clinic. Tickets are now available. A co-payment of \$10 is due when signing up. At this time you will be given an appointment time. This clinic is funded, in part, by the Council on Aging.

The Tewksbury Senior Citizen Softball season will soon begin. A softball meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 22. The meeting time and place is 9 a.m. at the Senior Center in the main hall. All players should try to attend this meeting.

A Mohegan Sun day trip has been scheduled for Monday, April 28. The cost of this trip is \$20 per person. Ticket sales will begin April 3.

Seniors are asked to note that the Activities Meeting scheduled for April 21 has been rescheduled due to the Patriot's Day Holiday. The new date for the activities meeting will be April 28 at 10 a.m. in the crafts room. All are welcome to attend. We will be discussing our participation in the Memorial Day Parade at this meeting.

The next Senior Center monthly dance will be held Friday, April 25. The evening

will include a buffet at 6:30 p.m. followed by dancing to the music of the Perfect Match Band. Tickets are now available.

The Shriners have donated 32 tickets to our Tewksbury Senior Citizens for the Shriners' Circus which will be held in the afternoon Tuesday, April 29. To help defray the cost of bus transportation, tickets will be \$3 per person. Home pickups will be available for this event.

The ladies of the craft class will hold their annual tea party here at the Senior Center Sunday, April 27. Tickets at \$8 per person are now available. We are sure this will be a delightful afternoon as it was last year. Entertainment will be provided by Karen R. Glickman as she presents "75 Years of Fashion" and refreshments will be served. This event is being funded, in part, by the Tewksbury Arts Council and the Arts Council of Massachusetts.

AARP will sponsor a "55 Alive" driving refresher course at the Senior Center in the very near future. Dates will be announced next week. This course will meet for two sessions. The fee will be \$10 per person for the entire course.

This is a refresher course on driving safety for those who are 55 and over. For more information, call Sandy Geddy or Carol Hazel at the Senior Center 978-640-4480. Enrollment will be limited to 12 people per session. Registrations are now being accepted. Payment is due upon sign up and checks should be made out to AARP 55 Alive Program.

Do check the bulletin boards for upcoming events, programs and trips. One may also call the Senior Center at 978-640-4480 for information on the programs and activities.

Valerie Borgal will conduct a six week drawing and watercolor painting course starting Thursday, April 24. The fee for this class will be \$40 per person payable upon signing up.

A pleasant week is wished to all. God bless America and our servicemen and women.



R-1: One-year-old Eric Jerszyk; Queenette Santos, Director of Boston SAFE KIDS; David Marshall, Worcester Police Dept.; Brian McMahon, Executive Auto Glass Sales Representative; and Debbie Jerszyk, Worcester mother.

Child car seat inspection is very important

WILMINGTON - Tewksbury resident Brian McMahon, Executive Auto Glass Sales Representative, recently helped coordinate a free car seat safety check at the new Worcester Service Center of Executive Auto Glass. The safety check was sponsored by Executive Auto Glass, the Safe Kids Coalition, and Worcester-based Prevent Injury Now Network (PINN). Certified technicians adjusted car seats and replaced for free any car seat that didn't meet industry specifications.

"Nationally, 282,000 children 14 and under are injured every year in automobile accidents," said Ed Beatrice, president of Executive Auto Glass. "Many injuries and deaths could be prevented by proper restraints, but four out of five car seats are installed improperly or used incorrectly."

According to Beatrice, car seat guidelines are as follows:

- * Infants until at least one year old and at least 20 pounds should be in rear-facing car seats.
- * Children over one year old and between 20 and 40 pounds can be in forward-facing car seats.
- * Children between 40 and 60/80 pounds or up to 57 inches tall should be in booster seats.

For information about upcoming car seat checkpoints, call Roxanne Fuller at 781-438-8855. Executive Auto Glass has seven service centers in Massachusetts. Founded in 1988, the company is now one of the largest independent auto glass replacement companies in Massachusetts. It is the only company in the industry that provides the Executive Safety Shield Guarantee, ensuring the use of original factory windshields and sealants, and industry-certified technicians. For more information, call 800-NEW-GLASS or visit www.executiveglass.com.

The Greater Boston Safe Kids Coalition is the local chapter of

the National Safe Kids Campaign. For more information, call 617-534-5197, log onto www.safekids.org, or call the NHTSA Auto Safety Hotline at 800-424-9393.

Prevent Injury Now Network (PINN), in affiliation with the Mass Brain Injury Association, is a network of community organizations and agencies working together to provide education and resources promoting injury prevention strategies in the Worcester County area. PINN members include the Auburn Police Department, Fallon Healthcare System, Massachusetts Brain Injury Association, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Massachusetts State Police, Saint Vincent Hospital at Worcester Medical Center, UMASS Memorial Healthcare, Worcester Child Development Head Start, Worcester Family Ties Network, and the Worcester Police Department.

Bill Nowlan to lecture on Ted Williams at Tewksbury Library

TWEEKSBURY - Biographer/writer Bill Nowlan will appear at the Tewksbury Public Library Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m., to deliver a lecture on an extraordinary American, Ted Williams. The lecture, entitled "Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection" kicks off a series of events being held at the library in celebration of National Library Week. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the library's first floor meeting room. Admission is free.

Following the lecture, Nowlan will answer questions from the audience. Copies of his books will also be available for purchase and autographing. Refreshments are provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

On Tuesday, April 8, also at 7 p.m., Boston-based writer and lecturer Anita Diamant will be at Tewksbury Public Library to present a lecture on "Writing Women's Friendships." The lecture is the second in a series of week long events in honor of National Library Week. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the library's first floor meeting room. There is no cost for admission.

After the lecture, there will be time for questions directed to Ms. Diamant. Copies of her fictional works will also be available for purchase and autographing.

Opportunity Fair Tuesday at Tewksbury's Ryan School

by Christine L. McGrath, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

The Eleventh Annual Children's Opportunity Fair will take place Tuesday April 8, 2003 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of the John F. Ryan Elementary School.

The Fair will feature about 40 organizations that offer recreational, cultural, athletic, enrichment and academic programs for school age students. The Fair also includes performances by many of the organizations.

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at the Ryan School to direct drivers to all available parking spaces. In addition shuttle bus service will be provided between the Ryan School and additional parking at Tewksbury Memorial High School. A book fair and a bake sale will be available during the Fair. Proceeds from the Fair will benefit the John W. Wynn Middle School Library.

Over 400 members of the community attended the Tenth Annual Children's Opportunity Fair. They received many brochures and had the opportunity to question program representative about the specific program components, daily schedules and fees.

We hope that you will attend the Fair to learn about the many after school and summer programs which are available in our area. Please contact the Office of the Superintendent at 978-640-7800 if you would like to register your organization to participate in the Fair.

Wilmington man pleads guilty to stealing Oxycontin

BOSTON - Three men arrested last spring by the Massachusetts OxyContin Task Force have pleaded guilty to stealing OxyContin during armed robberies of Boston area pharmacies, Attorney General Tom Reilly announced recently.

Paul Allen, 26, of Medford, Jason Souza, 20, of Wilmington, and Jeff Houlihan, 26, of Charlestown, all pleaded guilty to armed robbery while masked for their roles in the armed holdup of the CVS on Main Street in Reading on March 6, 2002 during which thousands of prescription pills, including OxyContin, were stolen at gun and knife point.

In addition, Allen pleaded guilty to conspiring with Souza to commit a masked armed robbery of the Stop and Shop Pharmacy on Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington in December 2001. Allen also pleaded guilty to two counts of trafficking in OxyCodone, one count of trafficking Morphine and two counts of distribution of heroine. He also pleaded guilty to two Armed Career Criminal counts of the sale of a

rifle and ammunition to an undercover trooper in March 2002. Middlesex Superior Court Judge Charles Grabau sentenced Allen to a 10 to 12 year State Prison sentence, followed by probation for three years.

Souza also pleaded guilty to conspiring with Allen to commit a masked armed robbery of the Stop and Shop Pharmacy on Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington in December 2001. In addition, Souza pleaded guilty to trafficking in OxyCodone, the active ingredient to OxyContin, following a sale to an undercover trooper on March 11, 2002 in Charlestown. Judge Grabau sentenced Souza to a five to seven year State Prison sentence, followed by probation for three years.

In addition to the CVS robbery, Houlihan pleaded guilty to the holdup of the Brooks Pharmacy on Market Street in Brighton on March 30, 2001. Houlihan also pleaded guilty to two counts of trafficking in OxyCodone, including selling OxyCodone to an undercover State Trooper in Charlestown on March 7, 2002. Judge Grabau

sentenced Houlihan to an eight to nine year State Prison sentence, followed by probation for three years.

The men were arrested and charged in the spring of 2002 as a result of an eight month investigation by the Massachusetts OxyContin Task Force. The Task Force is a group formed by AG Reilly in August 2001 comprised of Massachusetts State Police, Boston Police, District Attorneys' Offices and local police departments, all working together to investigate, arrest and prosecute OxyContin crimes.

In the Reading CVS incident, Souza, Allen and Houlihan admitted their involvement in a robbery in which two masked men entered the pharmacy wielding a gun and knife. They stole hundreds of OxyContin pills and other narcotics for sale on the streets of Boston. All three sold some of those stolen pills to an undercover trooper.

At the Brighton Brooks Pharmacy, Houlihan waited in the getaway car as three men entered the building wearing

masks and wielding guns. The men stole thousands of OxyCodone pills, including OxyContin, along with other narcotics and then fled to the waiting car which Houlihan drove away from the pharmacy. Houlihan sold his share of those stolen narcotics on the streets.

The drug trafficking charges are the result of an undercover operation in which Houlihan, Allen, and Souza each sold over 28 grams of OxyCodone to an undercover officer over several days in March 2002. All drug sales were done within 1,000 feet of a Charlestown elementary school.

AG Reilly's Special Investigations and Narcotics Division Chief William Bloomer, along with Assistant Attorneys General Eileen O'Brien and Peter Paulousky, handled the case. The case was investigated by the Attorney General's OxyContin Task Force, with special acknowledgment to the Arlington, Boston, Reading, and Medford Police Forces as well as the Middlesex and Suffolk District Attorney's Offices.

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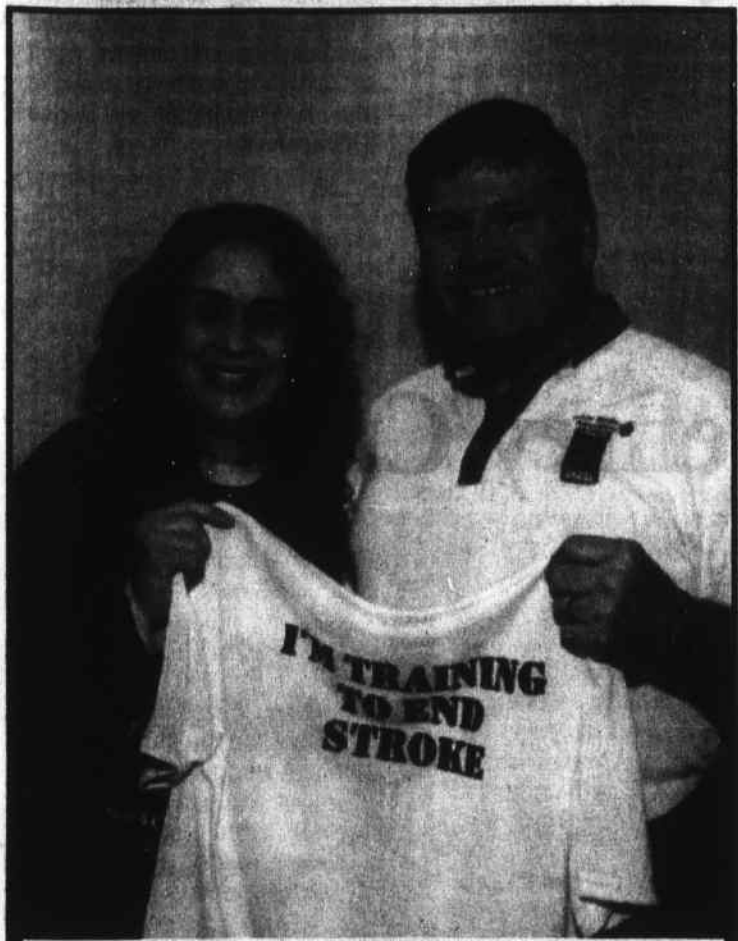
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TAKING STEPS TOWARDS ENDING STROKES. Julie Gershon, of Wilmington, recently joined more than 100 runners and walkers to kick off the American Stroke Association's "Train to End Stroke" marathon training program at the Westin Hotel in Waltham. This summer, Gershon will participate in one of the marathons to be held by the association. Seen here with Gershon is Melrose resident Ray Driscoll, who suffered a stroke in 1994. (courtesy photo)

WCTV'S Video Vacation Camp

WILMINGTON - Let's celebrate the fantastic arrival of spring with a fun Vacation Camp experience! Join the WCTV Youth Outreach Team of Jessica and Brian as we take the camera outside and practice "On Location Field Production" - just some fancy words for going outside and having some fun! The Video Vacation Camp is open this April vacation (22-25) to all students ages eight and up! In this session, not only will we be creating some crazy skits from your imagination, but we will also practice taping a live sporting event. The WCTV Wiffle Ball Tournament - so come ready for fun! No experience is necessary - we'll teach you as you go - so don't be left

out! Spring 2003 Video Vacation Camp will run April 22-25. Times will be as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, campers will be at WCTV from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a pizza send-off party!

Registration fee is a flat rate of \$10 for WCTV membership. If you are already a member, the session is free. You can purchase a copy of the finished video project for \$2. Please contact Jessica Jacques, Youth Outreach Coordinator at WCTV at 978-657-4055, or email: wctv-jessica@hotmail.com with questions or to sign up. Space is limited and fills quickly, so call now.

Pan-Massachusetts Challenge seeking volunteers

BOSTON - The 24th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) is looking for volunteers before during, and following the August 2-3 event. More than 1,900 individuals from around the country will become part of a united team to fund cancer research when they volunteer for the PMC, the nation's most successful bike-a-thon for charity. Volunteer registration will be held online, www.pmc.org, beginning April 1.

Volunteers are the backbone of the PMC. Their year round work enables the PMC to keep its operating expenses and overhead low, and allows the organization to donate more than 92 cents of every dollar raised directly to cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund. The PMC will this year raise \$16 million, bringing its 24 year Jimmy Fund contribution to more than \$100 million.

Volunteers are needed to help with setup, registration, luggage transport, medical support, bike mechanics, security, food service, cleanup and office support leading up to the event. Massage, occupational, and physical therapists are also

needed to soothe the sore muscles of thousands of the cyclists as they ride up to 192 miles over two days.

"Our volunteers are essential to helping the PMC reach its fundraising goal each year," PMC founder and executive director. "They are important members of the PMC family and are greatly appreciated by all involved in the event."

PMC Volunteer Stats

*PMC volunteers average three years of participation

*More than 1,900 people devote their time and energy to the PMC

*Fifty-five percent of volunteers are close to someone who has battled cancer

*PMC volunteers range in age from 13 to 87

About the PMC, The Pan-Massachusetts

Wilmington Schools

Week of April 7 Elementary Wildwood & Boutwell Extended Daycare

Monday: Macaroni and cheese, seasoned mixed vegetables, bread stick, chilled fruit, milk/juice, pretzels.

Tuesday: Soup with saltines, grilled cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks with low fat dip, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dirt cup dessert.

Wednesday: Breakfast for lunch, French toast sticks with syrup, sausage links or patty, applesauce, carrot and celery sticks with dip, milk/juice, animal crackers.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, potato rounds or wedges, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookies.

Friday: Italian style pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Elementary

Monday: Baconburger or cheeseburger (hamburger with Canadian bacon slice or cheese) on a roll, French fries or potato rounds, seasoned corn, chilled peaches, milk/juice, pudding with topping.

Tuesday: Mozzarella sticks with Marinara sauce, seasoned

vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookie.

Wednesday: Breakfast for lunch, assorted cereals, ham sticks, chilled apple slices with cinnamon, carrot and celery sticks, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Sliced turkey and gravy, mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, milk/juice, animal crackers.

Friday: Italian style pizza, pepperoni optional, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Middle School

Monday: Mozzarella sticks with Marinara sauce, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookies.

Tuesday: Sliced turkey and gravy, mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, milk/juice, ice cream.

Wednesday: Pasta with meatballs and sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Loaded nachos (nacho chips, cheese sauce, tomato, lettuce, salsa and seasoned ground beef), seasoned rice, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Italian style pizza, pepperoni optional, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

High School

Monday: Baconburger (ham-

Police Union seeking scholarship applications

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Police Union, IBPO Local 318 is seeking

applications for their 2003 Scholarships. The Wilmington Police Union will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships to graduating members of the Class of 2003 who live in the town of Wilmington.

Applications are available from the Wilmington High School Guidance Department as well as the Wilmington Police Department. Completed applications are due by April 25, 2003, and can be returned to the Wilmington Police Department.

Wilmington Seniors

Week of April 7

Monday: Chicken pot pie, creamy mashed potato, seasoned broccoli, chilled apple slices, multi-grain bread, milk, cookie.

Tuesday: Oven baked ham dinner with pineapple, scalloped potato, seasoned peas, oatmeal bread, milk, Jello with topping.

Wednesday: Oven baked chicken quarters, whipped sweet potato, seasoned green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, milk, cake with frosting.

Thursday: Sliced turkey and gravy, mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, milk, dessert.

Friday: Florentine fish, oven roast potato, seasoned whole kernel corn, chilled apricots, whole wheat bread, milk, brownie.

Challenge, presented by the Boston Red Sox, is slated for August 2 and 3 and is open to 3,800 cyclists. This year's goal is to raise \$16 million, bringing the overall fund raising total to more than \$100 million since its inception in 1980. The PMC's six routes travel from Sturbridge and Wellesley to Bourne, Provincetown, and back to Wellesley. The routes cover 89 to 192 miles over one or two days through 46 Massachusetts towns. New England Cable News and MFS Investment Management are among the PMC's 150 corporate and in-kind sponsors. To become a volunteer, or to make a financial contribution, visit www.pmc.org or call (800) WE-CYCLE.

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Wednesday: Pasta bar, seasoned vegetable, French bread and butter, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Oven roast turkey dinner, mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, cranberry sauce, dinner roll and butter, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Pizza, pizza and more pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Tewksbury Schools

Week of April 7

Monday: Hamburger on roll with cheese if desired, corn niblets, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, hot roll, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Beef and shredded cheese in Syrian pouch or sub, crisp coleslaw, potato sticks, pudding, milk.

Thursday: Chicken with

slices, hot roll, fruited Jello, milk.

Friday: Red Sox Opening Day, chilled juice, mozzarella sticks with dipping sauces, crispy celery & carrot sticks, milk.

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Week of April 7 Line III

Monday: Cheeseburger macaroni bake, broccoli, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Honey barbecued chicken nuggets, rice-a-roni, peas, corn bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Veal cutlet parmesan, mashed potatoes, cauliflower blend vegetables, garlic bread, baked dessert, milk.

Thursday: Taco boat with shredded lettuce, cheese and diced tomato, salsa, corn bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Friday: Italian style pizza (cheese or pepperoni), tossed salad, bread stick, fresh and canned fruit, ice cream treat, milk.

April is letter writing month

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY - The month of April has been designated as National Card and Letter Writing Month by the U.S. Postal Service, according to Postmasters James R. "Jake" Quinn, Wilmington, and Joanna M. Louf, Tewksbury.

"This is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance and historical significance of hard copy letter writing," they said.

"Writing, sending, and receiving letters, postcards, and greeting cards is a tradition that has persevered our

nation's history and changed lives - particularly in times of war and times of personal triumph and tragedy," they said.

Card and letter writing also helps improve literacy and promotes creativity among our youth, they noted.

"Unlike other forms of communication, card and letter writing is timeless, personal and tangible. Beautiful cards and letters, or just heartfelt words penned on a blank page, can be saved to become cherished heirlooms to be read and re-read by generations to come," they said.

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Westfield State announces Dean's List students

WILMINGTON - Nine Wilmington residents have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Westfield State College:

Robert Mauriello, Fairfield Road, majoring in elementary education.
Erin Roache, Bailey Road, majoring in English.
Katherine Sullivan, Birch Street, majoring in elementary education.
Julie Swartwout, Dewey Avenue, majoring in social work.
Stephen Brown, Allgrove Lane, majoring in mass communications.

Katherine Catanzano, Biggar Avenue, majoring in elementary education.

Dean Ientile, Hanson Road, undeclared.

Amanda Lojek, Grace Drive, majoring in movement science.

Sarah Lund, Morningside Drive, majoring in art.

To qualify, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.3 based on a 4.0 system, have no grade below C, and no incomplete grades.

Murphy named to Dean's List

WILMINGTON - Catherine A. Murphy of Marcus Road, Wilmington, has been named to the dean's list at Johnson and Wales University for the winter semester.

Catherine, a freshman marketing major is a 2002 graduate of Wilmington High School.

Berry recognized by Who's Who

WILMINGTON - Meaghan Berry of Wilmington, a senior exercise physiology major at UMass Lowell, has been recognized by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges for 2002-03.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges rewards and recognizes individual effort in the classroom as well as the community on a national level.

All recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony April 13.

UMass Lowell, a comprehensive university with special expertise in applied science and technology, is deeply committed to educating students for life long success and conducting research and outreach activities that sustain the economic, environmental, and social health of the region. Lowell offers its 12,000 undergraduate and graduate students more than 80 degree programs in the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Health Professions, and Management, and the Graduate School of Education.

Students offered scholarships to UM-Rolla

ROLLO, MO. - Four Wilmington residents have been offered renewable scholarships to attend the University of Missouri-Rolla during the 2003-04 school year:

Missouri Miner Scholarship, Missouri Miner Scholarship II:
Jason Balinski
Nicholas Eaton
Christopher Kittredge
Roman Walsh

The Pines to send care packages

TEWKSBURY - The Pines of Tewksbury is planning to send a care package to American soldiers overseas. Donations will be most welcome and may be dropped off at The Pines during the month of April.

The Pines is located at 2580 Main St., Tewksbury. The package is planned for our heroes overseas, to let them know that we care and that we are very proud of them.

Police Union seeking scholarship applications

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Police Union, IBPO Local 318 is seeking applications for their 2003 Scholarships. The Wilmington Police Union will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships to graduating members of the Class of 2003 who live in the town of Wilmington.

Applications are available from the Wilmington High School Guidance Department as well as the Wilmington Police Department. Completed applications are due by April 25, 2003, and can be returned to the Wilmington Police Department.

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Jennifer Splaine to wed Jeffrey Crane

WILMINGTON - John and Paula Splaine of Wilmington have announced the engagement of their daughter Jennifer to Jeffrey Crane, son of Stephen and Jean Crane of Beverly.

Ms. Splaine is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Simmons College where she earned a master of science in special education. She is a special needs teacher at the Wilmington Middle School.

Mr. Crane is also a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He is pursuing a master of business administration at Suffolk University and is currently employed as an engineer for the Town of Andover.

A July wedding is planned.



Lisa Coltraro to wed George Morfis



WILMINGTON - Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coltraro of Hall Street, Wilmington have announced the engagement of their daughter Lisa K. Coltraro to George C. Morfis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Morfis of Sprague Street, Peabody.

Miss Coltraro, a graduate of Wilmington High School and Middlesex Community College is currently employed with Kraft Power Corporation Wildwood Avenue, Woburn.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Peabody High School and Salem State College is employed by Bass Rocks Golf Club, Beach Road, Gloucester.

A November wedding is planned.

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Selectmen candidates debate the issues

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He stated that people know who he is, what he stands for, and what he brings to the Board. As a current member of the Board of Selectmen, he stated that he tries to give everyone a chance to be heard.

Duggan, who has been engaged in careers in firefighting and funeral services, stated that he has experience with dealing with families in crisis. He has served, and currently serves, on the Board of Directors for Wilmington Family Counseling, a board for which he is currently Vice President. He has formerly served as the board's president as well.

According to Sagal, he will bring an analytical, "no nonsense" approach to getting the job done. He asserted that he is not into politics, but instead is more of a "nuts and bolts" kind of individual.

The controversy surrounding the squeaker 3-2 vote of the Board of Selectmen in January to re-appoint Town Manager Michael Cairra to a three-year contract was put on the table for the candidates. The contract garnered criticism for including a buy-out component, which would provide the Town Manager a pro-rated severance salary to make up for any time in the contract at the time of termination. The buy-out component is reportedly given only if the Town Manager is dismissed for reasons aside from just cause.

The 3-2 votes in January and which provided evidence that factions exist on the board, which supports Cairra as Town Manager and one which opposes him in that capacity. To make things interesting, two of the three votes cast in favor of the Town Manager belong to those becoming available in the election.

In the debate, candidates were asked if they would vote to keep or remove Cairra from his position as town manager if faced with the responsibility of doing so. The question stemmed from a belief in certain circles that an attempt to ouster Cairra is well under way.

Wandell stated that he would retain Cairra. After listening to the dissenting opinions, he said that he had heard nothing that reached the egregious levels to warrant Cairra's termination. He categorized Cairra as a fiscal conservative, which would be the type of Town Manager Wandell would like this town to have during the current recession.

Wandell promised that, if elected, he would judge the Town Manager in the way he would hope to be judged in his own job, on competency, ability, job performance, and work ethic, as opposed to personality. He went on to promise that he would confront any problems concerning the Town Manager expeditiously and would not wait to do so at a selectmen meeting on a Monday night or a contract negotiation.

Sullivan described the issue of Cairra's future as town manager as a "moot point" that lies in the past, given the approval of the contract. She stated that she found it interesting that the subject would have been forced on to the election. She considers many other issues to be of greater importance and made assurances that she can work with anyone, including the current Town Manager, and that differences of opinion can lead to healthy debates from time to time.

During the second debate, Duggan stated that he doesn't believe that the Town Manager is a problem. The problem, he asserted, is with the Board of Selectmen, which has not exercised its proper authority over the Town Manager.

Sagal stated that he would not fire the Town Manager and described Cairra as an able

administrator. He feels that the Town Manager has become more of a political figure than he should be, which might be due, Sagal surmised, to a lack of a written job description. Sagal promised, however, that he would not presume to usurp the authority of the next Board of Selectmen by writing in such a buy-out clause to a contract.

West stated that he would not fire Cairra, based on the fact that the town would have to pay the manager for the remainder of the three-year contract. He echoed Sagal's sentiments by saying that the power to dismiss the Town Manager has been taken away from the Board, but, having said that, West promised to continue the practices he has established in his own business of hiring and firing based on performance, not on personality.

Yurek asserted that she has heard of no reason to fire the present Town Manager. She disagreed with West's statement that the power to terminate has been taken away. She stated that the town can fire the Town Manager for real and just cause, such as negligence, or incompetence. Yurek suggested that a healthy and public evaluation process be established for the position.

Cain recalled that he was part of the original Board that hired Michael Cairra at a time when the town was \$2.5 million in debt. Cain credited Cairra with taking the town from that debt to more than \$9 million in surplus. Cain also cited the building of the new Middle School, which came in under budget. Cain asked, rhetorically, when was the last time that anyone, anywhere had seen the construction of a public building come in under budget.

Another hot topic at the debate involved Wilmington's current surplus. This town currently has more than \$9 million in surplus, which places it in a strong position to weather the financial uncertainty expected over the next several years. The town, however, has already made plans to use up to \$3 million of that reserve to make up for cuts to local aid from the state during the upcoming year. The candidates were challenged to offer ideas for continuing to provide essential services while judiciously utilizing and maintaining the surplus monies.

Sullivan said that she will not endorse any tax increases while the town is sitting on such a large tax surplus.

Wandell stated that he would use the surplus to keep the sizes of classes down in schools and to keep curricula up to date. He also stated that the money would be used to maintain a high level of safety services. He added that he did not favor using any of the money to fund new projects that would not have the money to sustain them, anyway. He also proposed to use some of the surplus for a tax relief program recently enacted for seniors.

In the second debate, Cain stated that he and the Board have been working with the Town Manager in recognizing priorities for that surplus and that \$3 million has already been allocated for specific purposes. He stated that he finds it important to note that the handling of the surplus will probably not be a one-year problem, but more likely one that will last two or three years, so it's necessary to maintain the

reserve without wasting it on other projects.

Duggan wanted to know where a surplus of this magnitude comes from, but considers that, since it is there, it is a resource to use. He intends to use some of the surplus to fund projects that will return revenue to the town.

Sagal, for all intents and purposes, answered Duggan's question by asserting that the surplus is a result of over-taxing the residents. He feels that the town should spend it down judiciously, in an effort to offset the current financial difficulty faced by the state. Sagal would support expenditures, such as housing, that would return revenue to the town.

West would first and foremost like to make sure that the budget is in line and that the town is not over-taxing residents. He would also support returning \$3.5 million to build affordable senior housing.

Yurek would tap department heads in town for ideas on where to make cuts and would work very hard not to eliminate positions. She would look at private and public grants, consolidate services wherever possible, re-negotiate labor contracts and examine the community's health insurance options.

The panel mixed things up a bit by asking a question in the second debate that had not been asked in the first. Candidates were asked how they would preserve the town's water supply at the quality level that the residents deserve.

Sagal found the question to be wrong on its face because, he asserted, the current quality of the water is not up to quality levels that residents deserve. He would look into technology to see if it could be possible to protect wells that have already been damaged and then remedy the situation. Barring the available technology to fix the problem, Sagal would look into alternative sources, such as hooking into Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA).

West would continue in the direction already begun by the town in bringing in more experts and continuing to research the water supply. Yurek claimed that the best method to preserving the water level is through the education of the users and by the enforcement of the rules. She stated that she plans to work with environmental specialists, keep the water department strong and capable and seek alternative sources.

Cain stated for the record that Wilmington does currently have good, safe drinking water and credited the Water Department with shutting down wells before contaminants were found. He added that the town has received money from Olin Chemical to pay for the hook-up to MWRA at no cost to the taxpayers. (Olin is charged with ridding its Eames Street property of all contaminants.) Duggan cited water issues as one of his biggest concerns. He noted that he has had to expend \$3,500 to install a reverse osmosis system in his house, due to an odor in his water that no one could explain. He doesn't believe that the town will ever bring water quality up to the level that it once was at.

The next question involved the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B, relevant to the state-mandated number of 10 percent of the town's total

housing stock deemed as affordable. Candidates were asked how they would help Wilmington achieve 10 percent without compromising open space or the quality of life for current Wilmington residents.

In the first debate, Wandell described 40B as a horrendous piece of legislature and cited the 70 amendments currently attached to it as proof. He is concerned that a state-issued 40B moratorium has not been issued while a special committee appointed by Governor Mitt Romney is examining the law.

Sullivan offered a solution presently being utilized in Burlington, in which the town would donate municipal land on which affordable housing can be built. She dismissed the idea that 90 percent of denials to developers' 40B proposals at the local level are overturned by the state because new provisions have been written into the law that provide for more opportunities for a town to sustain their denials.

Cain recalled the 12-year period during which the Board resisted the original Avalon Oaks, which was subsequently forced onto the town by the state. Cain has found that, by working with developers, the town has found success in allocating more than the minimum requirements for affordable units and has come very close to the 10 percent needed.

Duggan would like to see the town actively support the counting of accessory apartments toward the affordable housing stock. Duggan has an accessory apartment in his house and knows of three more on Butters Row alone. He is convinced that, though this measure, the town can even surpass the mandated 10 percent level.

Sagal would like to see the town actively pursue commercial properties close to the town center that are not currently being used, in order to build affordable housing.

West stated that he would attempt to stop the current housing proposals on West Street and Salem Street, or at least tone them down to a level satisfactory to the neighbors. He sees senior housing as the key for Wilmington. He proposes that the town plan to buy any current affordable housing in the community that comes up for sale, in order to extend their restriction. West also wants to expand on the \$700,000 grant that the town just received that allows for low income residents to improve their homes.

According to Yurek, in 1987 her neighborhood was looking

at a huge nearby development proposal that would allow single-family affordable houses to sit on acre lots instead of the town-mandated, one-acre lot minimum. The neighborhood fought the proposal and won. Now, Yurek stated, there are 210 units where those single family homes were slated to be. She advises residents to understand the risks involved in fighting 40B. She is a proponent of affordable housing, but feels that Wilmington has done its share and would like to see communities on the Route 495 belt pick up some of the slack.

Candidates also tackled the issue of what should be done with the property at Ventile's Farm on Cross Street. The issue will be addressed at the upcoming town meeting in the form of two articles, one of which suggests that the land best be used for Over 55 Housing, the other of which calls for the property to be used as a cemetery. Neither article, incidentally, would fulfill recommendations outlined in the Master Plan.

All candidates stated that an Over 55 Housing proposal would be acceptable, provided that an affordability aspect was included; however, it was not everyone's first choice. Most candidates considered a multi-use recreational facility at the property, similar to Ipswich River Park in North Reading.

Duggan was the lone dissenter in advocating a cemetery for the site. The housing proposal calls for 82 units, which Duggan surmised will create 164 daily vehicle trips with no traffic mitigation offered. He also cited the additional draw on town water as a detrimental factor that the town cannot at this time afford.

Candidates were also asked what they would do to tame the circus-like atmosphere that has become a trademark of selectmen meetings in town. For quite some time now, the meetings have been known for residents who speak out of turn and selectmen who openly criticize one another. The candidates in both debates were nearly united in their answers, all citing the need for respect between each other and creating a forum in each meeting for residents to speak.

The Master Plan Committee has not met since Town Meeting accepted the plan last April, nor has the body been officially disbanded. Candidates were asked whether the Plan should be actively implemented and, if so, should the Committee be re-convened on a regular basis?

Once more the candidates primarily found themselves in agreement. It was felt overwhelmingly among candidates that the Master Plan should be implemented and that its Committee should continue to meet.

Candidates were also asked to state their position relevant to the building moratorium that has been presented by Selectman Michael McCoy. As proposed, the building ban would restrict new construction for a period of two years.

Again, candidates found common ground by not supporting the moratorium in practice, even if some of them were in favor of the ideal. The lack of revenue that would be brought into the town during such a moratorium in the midst of a recession was the candidates' overwhelming reason against the measure.

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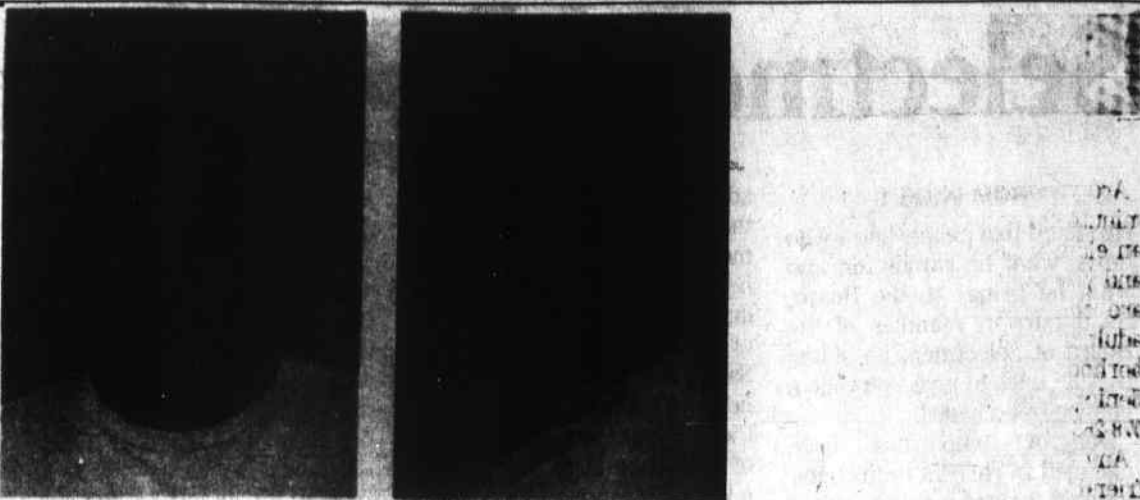
FRAMINGHAM - The Lupus Foundation of Massachusetts, Inc. has set Thursday, May 22, 2003 at the Seaport Hotel on Boston for its "Celebrate the Life of a Friend" Gala. Lisa M. Fitzgerald, MD, will receive The Altruism award in recognition of her 10 years of dedication and commitment to the lupus causes and the Lupus Foundation. Dr. Fitzgerald is on the staff at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, New England Baptist Hospital and Mount Auburn Hospital. The program will include a special performance by entertainer Barry Williams. WCVB-TV Channel 5 News anchor Susan Wornick, The Altruism Award recipient 2001, will emcee the event, which begins at 6 p.m. Barry Williams is a "Television Icon." He is well known for his portrayal of Greg

Brady on the hit series The Brady Bunch. Then and now, "The Brady's" are one of America's most watched and admired television families. Barry has starred in more than 75 Broadway and touring productions including Pippin, Victor Victoria, The Music Man, Man of La Mancha and Guys and Dolls. Most recently, he starred as Captain von Trapp in the national tour of The Sound of Music. Barry is also the author of a #1 best selling book, Growing up Brady/I was a Teenage Greg.

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any organ of the body including the kidneys, lungs, heart, skin, joints and even the brain. Often, lupus can be managed with treatment, but there is no cause or cure, and even with treatment, it can be fatal. The Lupus Foundation of Massachusetts brings help and hope to people with lupus and their families, while funding cutting-edge research that will lead to a cure.

The Lupus Foundation of Massachusetts has a long history of holding exciting events whose proceeds help fulfill the Foundation's mission of providing public education, patient support and medical research. Advanced reservation is required. For more information about this event, please call the Lupus Foundation office at 508-872-5200 or email events@lupus-mass.org.



Sex offender moves to Mackey Road, Wilmington

WILMINGTON - Robert LaMontagne, who has been designated as a Level 3 Sex Offender by the Sex Offender Registry Board, has moved to Wilmington and now lives at 14 Mackey Road.

The Board has determined that LaMontagne is at high risk to re-offend and that the degree

of his dangerousness posed to the public is such that a substantial public safety interest is served by active community notification.

LaMontagne, 44, is a white male who stands 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 185 pounds. His eyes are blue and his hair is brown.

Offenses committed by LaMontagne are three acts

indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14, the forcible rape of a child under the age of 16, and unnatural and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 16. The dates of LaMontagne's conviction were October 7, 1994, January 11, 1994, April 16, 1992 and October 20, 1987.

LaMontagne is not wanted by the police.

Absentee ballots are available

WILMINGTON - Absentee ballots are now available for the Annual Town Election, April 19, 2003. You may make application and vote in person during regular office hours, at the Town Clerk's office, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until noon Friday, April 18, the day before election.

A ballot may also be requested by mail or fax, and a relative may also request a ballot on behalf of a voter. These require a request in writing sent to the Town Clerk.

Voters are also reminded that the Town has three polling places.

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Precinct 5 and 6, Town Hall. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the Town Election.

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Tewksbury Library offers amnesty during Nation Library Week

TEWKSBURY - During National Library Week, April 7-12, the Tewksbury Public Library will offer an amnesty week, exchanging food for fines. During the next week, library users can make a donation of food or cash to the Tewksbury Community Food Pantry and have outstanding overdue fines waived. This waiver applies to materials still out as well as late fees already on a library user's account.

The amnesty programs also provides a good opportunity for library users to have contact information on their records verified. The public library is now adding email addresses to registration records. An email address speeds up notification of requested materials being held, and saves labor and postage for notices that would otherwise be sent through the postal service.

Library users can check their accounts on-line at

www.mvlic.org: simply click on My Account to verify current address and phone number and view any late charges.

Information about the library's programs and services is on the Web at www.tewksburypl.org. National Library Week is a great time to visit the library!

The Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library will hold small scale used book sales on the first Saturday of the month during April, May and June. The next sale will be held Saturday, April 5. The sales are held from 10 a.m. to noon in the library lobby.

They include hardcover books as well as paperbacks, and a limited number of CDs and videos. The Friends group raises money to support various library activities including museum passes and children's programs. The library is now accepting used books for these sales.

The Pines to send care packages

TEWKSBURY - The Pines of Tewksbury is planning to send a care package to American soldiers overseas. Donations will be most welcome and may be dropped off at The Pines during the month of April.

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Any Saturday: Take an older friend to lunch at Focaccia's, 2 Lowell Street, Wilmington, and your lunch will be free. Reservations suggested; 978-988-7399.

VNA Care Network's hospice program needs volunteers in eastern Mass. Training, supervision and support provided. Call 617-547-2620 ext. 3471.

Having a hard time: Feeding your family? Call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at

basics. Call 694-2099 to register.

Thurs., April 3: 7 p.m., Friends of Wil. Mem. Lib. present Perennials for Your Garden: A Season in Bloom with master gardener Jackie Stone. Refreshments follow presentation. Call 978-658-2967.

Fri., April 4: Deadline for submitting nominations for this year's "Good Guy" Award. Send to Good Guy Comm, PO Box 443, Wil., MA 01887.

Fri., April 4: Last day to sign up for Rec t-ball program. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wrec Office, Town Hall. \$5 late fee after this date.

April 6-12: Nat. Library Week, fine free at Wil. Mem. Lib. Call 978-694-2098.

Tues., April 8: 7 to 8 p.m., Learn about coaching, person-

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Essex River Cruises and Charters are offered from the Essex Marina at 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7 p.m. May through October. Call 978-786-6981 for info and reservations.

Grandparents as Parents: Healthsouth St., Joseph Healthcare Center, 220 Pawtucket St., Lowell, 7 to 8:30 p.m. second Tues., of the month. Call 978-459-3242.

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income tax. All boats are subject to the approval of a broker and must be fiberglass, seaworthy, and in marketable condition. Proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs.

If future plans include a new boat, a bigger boat, or no boat at all. The Boys & Girls Clubs would like to hear from you. Please call 1-800-246-0493.

La Leche League of Billerica offers monthly support meetings for pregnant and nursing mothers. Call 978-670-1309.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Mass. is conducting a car campaign to support their program. Call 1-800-720-6233 for information.

Lowell Y Preschool: Is now accepting registration for their fall programs. Children must be at least two years and nine months old to attend. Call 978-454-7825.

Skin Screenings: Skin cancer is the most common cancer, but most forms are easily treated if detected early. Lahey's Dept. of Dermatology offers free skin screenings for the public, by appointment only. Call 781-744-8979.

Elder Service Corps: helps elders remain independent. Minuteman Senior Services has one position open. Call 781-272-7177, ext. 7023.

Adoption Support: Group Fourth Sunday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at 19 Campbell Road, Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

Each Wednesday: The Northshorem A Cappella chorus needs men who like to sing. The chorus meets each Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Italian Community Center, 307 Rantoul St., Beverly. Call 978-927-7894.

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Sacred Choral Artists: a 40 member choral ensemble celebrating the beauty and artistry of sacred music, is seeking new members. All parts welcome to audition. Rehearsals Monday evenings in Haverhill. Call 781-665-9245; www.sacred-choralartists.org.

Mother to Mother: is accepting dues for the 2002-03 year. This is a non-profit support group for parents and their children from Burlington and surrounding towns. Call Mary at 781-238-8267.

Having a hard time: Feeding your family? Call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fourth Mon. of each month, Adoptive support group for pre and post adoptive families at Billerica Boys & Girls Club, 19 Campbell Rd., Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

Tuesdays: 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., seniors 55 and older full course meals and periodic health awareness programs at Lahey Clinic Medical Center's cafeteria. Call 781-744-3414.

Every Sunday: Brunch, all you can eat buffet at No. Reading Moose Lodge, 140 North Street. Call 978-664-8561.

Mon-Fri: Lowell Association for the Blind needs volunteers who can join the LAB Talking Information Center Radio Reading Service to read and record news. Call 978-454-5704 Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mon & Wed., 9 to 10 a.m., Lowell Boys Club offers water aerobics. Call 458-4526.

Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs: 7 to 9 p.m., Childbirth classes at Winchester Hospital. Call 781-756-4700.

Thursday evenings: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsals/auditions, 7:30 p.m., Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62. Call 978-851-7764; www.merrimackvalleychorus.com

For information: regarding Winchester Hospital's Senior Health Partnership's Walking Program for seniors, call 781-756-4774.

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Adoption Center: Information and support each fourth Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Billerica Boys and Girls Club, 19 Campbell Rd., Billerica. Call 978-667-3282.

First and third Tuesdays: Lowell Camera Club meets at the First Baptist Church, 99 Church St., Lowell at 7:30 p.m. Call 978-851-0883.

Mons./Thurs.: 10 a.m. to noon, Family Connection at Pawtucket Congregational Church, Mammoth Rd., Lowell. Includes information, friendship, fun and recreation to parents of young children in Greater Lowell. Call 957-5484.

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston will offer its monthly information session at the Peabody office, 47-49 Central St., Peabody, Monday, October 7 from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 617-236-8060.

Tops: Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7 p.m. at Old South Methodist Church, Reading. Call 978-657-8053.

Sun., April 6: Boston Men's Baseball League tryouts at Buckingham Browne & Nichols



SETTING THE GUIDELINES. When you want things to run smoothly, call Town Moderator James Stewart. Stewart, left, was on hand on Monday night to moderate a debate between the candidates who are running for seats on the Board of Selectmen. Seen here with Stewart, from left to right, are candidates Dan Wandell, Junior, and Frank West, WCTV Director Ruth Kennedy, and candidates Suzanne Sullivan and Karl Sagal. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

1-800-645-8333. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Goodwill Industries of Merrimack Valley is seeking donations for its Mass., N.H. stores. Call 866-453-0351.

LaLeche League of Wilmington meets at Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St. on the second Friday of each month starting at 10 a.m. Call 978-657-8301.

Second Thurs: of each month, 8 p.m., Wil. Minutemen Company meet at Headquarters, at the rear of Hayden Tavern, Woburn Street, near the corner of Rt. 62 in No. Wilmington. Meetings are open to any man or woman interested in local history.

All day, every day: Free blood pressure clinic at Wilmington Fire Station; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends included. No appointment necessary.

Tues., Thurs: Evenings at 7 and Friday at 10 a.m., Internet classes at Wil. Mem. Library. Call 658-2967.

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Computer basics: One hour classes at Wil. Mem. Lib; 7 p.m. Thursdays. Call 978-694-2098.

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St. Elizabeth Chapel: At the corner of Forest Street and Aldrich Road, offers a monthly healing service. Call 978-658-2487.

Every Thursday: at Wil. Mem. Lib. volunteer Ed Jones teaches a class in computer

al/professional at Wil. Pub. Lib. Workshop on Balance. Call 978-447-1620.

Tues., April 8: 7 to 10 p.m., "Conversation with the Candidates" at Wil. United Methodist Church. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Wilmington.

Wed., April 9: 7:30 p.m., A time for prayer; a time for healing at St. Elizabeth's Chapel, Forest Street, Wil. Especially for those with family members serving in the military.

Thurs., April 10: 7 p.m., WHS Guidance Department will sponsor a College Information Night for juniors and their parents.

Thurs., April 10: 7 p.m., Pat Boylan presentation of children's classics, using hand puppets. Call 978-694-2098.

Sun., April 13: 1 to 5 p.m., Friends of Wil. Mem. Lib offer "Wilmington House Tours." Tickets at \$20 go on sale at the library March 15.

Mon., April 14: 7 p.m., Teen Comics Club meets at Wil. Mem. Lib.

Mon., April 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23: Wil. Youth Hockey tryouts. Call 978-988-5599.

April 22-25: Video Vacation Camp open to all students age eight and up. Call 978-657-4066 or email wctvjessica@hotmail.com.

Evangelist Parish Center, No. Chelmsford; Grandparents as parents. Call 978-459-3242.

Congregation Shalom, a Reform Congregation located in Chelmsford is offering open registration for their pre-school for three and four-year-olds. The classes meet once a month for an hour on Sundays. A parent or guardian is required to accompany their child. The cost is \$100 for non-members. Call Stacy Garnick at 978-251-8091 for further information.

Greater Lowell Family YMCA has openings in their Preschool Program. Call 978-454-7825 ext. 23.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Massachusetts are expanding their car campaign to include boats. The car campaign throughout Massachusetts has proven to be a great success. Those who have unwanted boats to donate may receive a valuable tax deduction on their

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LASS OF ... The newly formed Wilmington Alumni Association met for the first time in the high school library last week and embarked on their quest to bring together former students from the local school system. Sitting, from left to right, are Kathy Harrington Bell (Class of '63); Pat Chinappi Griffen ('67); Cathy Fantasia Seely ('68); and Ruth Cicciu Poulos ('65). Standing, from left to right, are Rosetta Cicciu Reinke ('66); Frank West ('80); Ben DeGennaro ('98); Fred Shine ('67); Lucille Medico Clark ('64) and Linda Clark Caruso ('62). (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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Local churches to launch "40 Days of Purpose"

FROM PAGE 1

"It's one of the best books I've ever read," Oblom says. "As it goes along it asks a lot of pen-

trating and exacting questions." According to Hall, Warren has been called the "most influen-

tial pastor in the country," according to reports in nationally-known magazines. Such a distinction, he says, comes not from programs that he has designed or some sort of wisdom that he has over others, but instead derives from his heart and his "ability to help others who are wrestling with what their lives are all about."

Oblom needs not belong to the Congregational or First Baptist Churches in order to participate in the program. All are invited. Folks who are interested are encouraged to call Reverend Hall at 978-658-2264 or Pastor Oblom at 978-658-8584. For the purpose of the program, both churches will provide a book to those who want one; in terms of the book's expense, both churches are also willing to assist with the cost, provided the participant agree to commit to the program until its completion in May.

"The significance of this program is that it shows that our lives are of value," Hall says. "It also shows us how our relationship with God is established and how that affects us."

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Wilmington starts its first alumni association

FROM PAGE 1

Association. Anyone who has attended Wilmington Public Schools is welcome to join. Many people, she points out, attended Wilmington schools from grades one through eight and then went to private schools or to Shawshen Technical High School. Many of these people, Bell stresses, are still in contact and are considered part of the community. Bell is not alone.

The association is still in its formative stages, but there are already more than 14 other alumni, from classes between 1951 and 1998, who have attended meetings and many more

who have expressed interest.

According to the association's mission statement, "The purpose of the Wilmington Schools Alumni Association is to enhance and maintain contact between graduates and teachers." This mission statement was recently adopted by the association and written by Janet Condrey Beyer and Anne Frotten O'Reilly, both Wilmington alumni and former Wilmington School system English teachers.

The association is currently looking for Class Agents, who will be responsible for maintaining a current class list. They are off to a good start with 20 Class Agents so far, but

have a long way to go.

The association has plans to hold alumni dinners and give back to the community in the form of scholarships and gifts to the schools. The members are looking for as much help as they can get.

For more information, visit www.wilmingtonalumni.org.

If you have attended public schools here in Wilmington, let the association know where you are. Author Thomas Wolfe wrote a book in 1940 claiming that "You Can't Go Home Again," but it looks like Kathy Bell may just succeed in proving him wrong.

Teenager recovering from being struck by drunk driver

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Annette was at Massachusetts General and that she was being treated, but, according to Arthur Moscufo, Annette's father, no more information was given.

Arthur Moscufo is a firefighter in Medford, so he understands the hospital policy of not giving additional information over the telephone. At the same time, though, he describes the time that it took him and his wife to get to the hospital as the longest half-hour of their lives, as they were just left to frantically wonder what news would be awaiting their arrival. The fact that doctors were working on his daughter when they arrived offered some comfort because at least that meant that she was indeed alive, Moscufo recounted.

The news, thankfully, could have been worse. According to Arthur Moscufo, his daughter sustained serious damage to her liver and spleen. She also sustained facial cuts and other bumps

and bruises, but CAT scans revealed no damage to her head or spine.

"(Children) can do all the right things, and then a drunk driver comes along and all the rules go out the window," Moscufo stated.

Annette is home now, but she still faces a lengthy convalescence. According to her father, she can get up and move around a bit, but must use extreme care as her liver is still vulnerable to bleeding at the slightest provocation.

Paul Walker, 35, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. According to Wilmington police, Walker has also been charged with the felony of causing a vehicular accident that resulted in serious injuries while under the influence of alcohol.

Walker was arraigned on March 24 at Woburn District and faces a pre-trial hearing on April 29.

Local Marine chosen for anti-terrorist battalion

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After the fight at Peleliu, Webb's grandfather received two medals. He was honored with the Silver Star for bravery, after exposing himself during the battle to repair and operate a machine gun (though he was a trained rifleman) after the machine gunman had been killed.

The second medal was a Purple Heart, earned for acting courageously while wounded. A white phosphorus grenade landed on Maguire, burning his entire body. Meanwhile, he had lost all of his ammunition and was forced to make it out alive by fighting hand to hand combat and enduring severe burns.

Subsequent to the family history, Webb's father, John, is in the naval reserves. He was called to active duty during the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

"I told my mom that it wasn't fair," Webb says. "My dad should have been at home with her and my sister, and I should

have been out there."

Though enlisted at the time his father was called, Webb was only 17 and had to wait nine more months for his phone call to come. On Memorial Day of 2002 and two weeks earlier than expected, Webb left his senior class at Wilmington High School to begin his duty as a U.S. Marine.

At boot camp, Webb was allowed no communication with family or friends back home. A simple, ten-second phone call to his family, to merely say "I've arrived," was his only luxury.

In the midst of his Marine Corps countdown, Webb had applied and been accepted to the University of Maine at Orono. When he came back from his 13-week hiatus at boot camp in August, he was stationed nearby under the A Company, 1st Battalion and 25th Marines at Topsham, Maine. Here, he was required to meet once a month for two days to "do what Marines do."

"We were the cold weather specialists. We had to sleep outside in the snow without tents," says Webb.

Just days after completing his first semester on January 12, Webb was recalled to active duty. Webb, whose declared major is landscape horticulture, immediately filled out the necessary paperwork to be put on an academic leave of absence for one year, which was the period of his recall, according to his father, John.

"There had been rumors that

we were going to get activated, says Webb.

The whole battalion, 12,000 Marines from Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maine, were called and told to be in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, in four days.

During three weeks of training, hikes and land navigation at Camp Lejeune, Webb watched while the base emptied out, shipping most of the troop off to Kuwait.

"Everybody wants to go," says Webb.

Soon after the base began to resemble a ghost town, Webb and his unit were told that they were to be the "anti-terrorist battalion to the Marine Corps. In order to prepare for this demanding job, the Marine had to attend a seven-week long anti-terrorist school. Webb has been told that they would learn about non-lethal weapons and riot control, advanced marksmanship and what to do during a gas attack or nuclear explosion.

The training session which should be ending soon, will provide Webb with the essential capabilities needed during time of combat. He expects to be gone overseas for at least six months but when asked if he's nervous, this soldier, one of "the few, the proud," just replied with a confident and very convincing "No."

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WHS Softball Preview

Lady 'Cats ready to attack the field

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year at this time Bob Surran was getting acclimated to being a first year coach for the Wilmington High softball team. He knew he had a strong nucleus back but at this time a year ago he didn't know who would pitch. He quickly found the answer on the mound, but on top of that he quickly found the team coming three wins away from a state championship.

Last year's 18-4 overall finish which included three 1-0 state tournament victories over North Andover, North Reading and Burlington, before losing to Central Catholic, 4-2, in the Division 2 North Final, certainly wasn't a fluke. The team had loads of talent. That seems to be the same coming into this season as the team returns six starters off last year's team.

"I think we look good and we should do very well again this season," said Surran, whose team is supposed to open up with Shawsheen Tech on Thursday at their place but most likely will open against Masconomet on Monday, April 7 at home at the Town Park. "Jackie [Joyce] has added three feet to her fastball, and if we're healthy I think we do well and get into the playoffs. A lot of the times you see one pitcher get hot and carry a team, but I'd like to think we can make the tourney and advance [further than we did last season]."

"We'd also like to be in contention for the league title and I think Amesbury, North Reading and Triton could be a sleeper will all be in the mix."

Joyce is the real deal. She moved to Wilmington last year from North Reading. She had 16 of the team's victories, while in 136 innings she gave up 69 hits, 32 runs, 10 of them earned, while she walked 21 and struck out 141. She ended the season with an 0.51 ERA.

"We had that one game against Masco where we gave up 11 unearned runs, and if you

take that game away we gave up just 21 runs in 21 games and just ten of those runs were earned," said Surran. "I think that's pretty impressive."

Joyce has a variety of pitches and she certainly has the potential to be among the best pitchers ever to come through the program if she continues to progress as she drastically did a season ago. Her younger sister, Ashley, as well as Catherine Sheerin and Kaitlin Foley, who won two games last season, will serve as the back-up pitchers. Surran said he'll rotate the three of them with one always being with the varsity, while the other two will play JV or Freshmen.

After four tremendous seasons from Jackie Rubino behind the plate, Surran has moved junior Lauren Rappoli from center field to behind the mask. A tremendous outfielder, Rappoli has caught during summer softball teams and seems to have adjusted very well. She displays a very strong throwing arm and certainly shouldn't have a problem of carrying on the long list of tremendous catchers who have gone through the program. Oh yeah, she also led the entire league in batting as a sophomore with a .554 clip.

Three quarters of the infield returns, while the fourth is moving from right field to third base and that's the team's most powerful and electrifying hitter in Shannon Fahey. She is a tremendous hitter, with a great eye and awesome line drive/power to the gaps. She'll most likely bat third or fourth.

Senior cousin duo Lauren Crowley and Stacy Comer are back for their third season together at second base and shortstop respectively. Crowley brings a very good contact bat, and a solid glove with very good range. Comer struggled a bit at the plate last season, but played consistent defense. If she goes back to her aggressive style at the plate, there should be no reason why she can't be

productive at the plate. The two of them are very important keys to the team's success.

Sophomore Corey Iosue is back at first base and she improved over the course of last season.

The entire outfield is brand new with Rappoli and Fahey switching to the infield, and the departure of Kim Thomas, who graduated. Surran said he hasn't decided for any of the three positions as of yet but a very good battle is being waged between sisters Julie and Katie Martell, sisters Shelly and Tara Hardimon, senior Melissa Nichols, junior Maria Sorrentino and sophomore Lani Cabral-Pini.

The Martell sisters saw time last year at the varsity level, and Julie could see time as third base and catcher, while, Katie could see time at first base. The Hardimon sisters, Cabral-Pini and Sorrentino are all up from the JV team. Nichols served as a back-up outfielder/pinch hitter/pinch runner last year.

"Lani gives us a dimension we haven't had in a while at the plate with her speed," said Surran. "She is extremely quick. She can bunt, slap from the left side and we haven't had that in a bit. The Martells can hit. I don't think we're going to have a superstar out of the group, but I think the overall depth will be much better than what we've had in a while."

As for the line-up, Surran said nothing has been penciled in as of yet. He has several different looks he can give whether it be Cabral-Pini and Crowley at the top of the order before the team's three power hitters of Rappoli, Fahey and Joyce, or he could bat those three batters 2-3-4, with several potential good sticks behind between Comer and the Martell sisters.

"We have a bunch of very good hitters so I'm not sure yet," he said. "But we'll see. We'll mix things around and hopefully find the right combination."

And hopefully that combination could lead the program to another successful season.



Gearing up for the season! Wilmington High baseball captains Billy Sinopoli (left) and Dave Velardo (right) hope to help the team improve on its 4-16 record of a year ago. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

WHS Baseball Preview

Looking up this season

By MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

After a 4-16 season in 2002, the Wilmington baseball team has nowhere to go but up. Luckily for the Wildcats, they don't have to look too high to find the two players that'll be most responsible for team's turnaround.

Wilmington's dreams of a postseason berth in 2003 rest on the shoulders of seniors Billy Sinopoli and Ryan Tildsley, a pair of hurlers who will spend most of their time perched on the mound.

"They look great," said Wilmington second-year coach Aldo Caira, whose team graduated six seniors from last year's squad. "Billy's going to pull down the majority of the innings this year. Billy's a

power pitcher and we've been working on his curve. Now he has a nice little curve. Ryan's more of a spot pitcher. He knows how to mark the strike zone and he's smart that way."

Caira's counting on his deep pitching staff - he can use as many as eight players on the mound - to key the Wildcats' turnaround. Sophomore Rob Gillis and junior Ken Luongo will both have a chance to win the Wildcats' closer job if healthy this season - both were nursing injuries late in spring camp - and senior co-captain David Velardo, juniors John Stark and Sean Godding and sophomore Bobby Sinopoli will also get to toe the rubber on occasion for Wilmington.

Bobby Sinopoli, Billy's younger brother, might emerge into a more prominent role as the season progresses.

"Bobby's a very smart pitcher," said Caira. "His fastball is faster because of the way he throws his change and curve, and even his knuckleball. He's going to be the future of this team."

Senior catcher Greg Buck - backed up by Gillis and junior Mark Pickett - will be the man responsible for handling the Wildcats' pitchers.

"He's actually improved his throwing and his footwork this year," said Caira, who along with his staff will alleviate some of the pressure off of Buck's mind by calling pitches from the dugout this season. "I feel confident with him and hopefully offensively he'll get it going. He had a rough offensive season last year. The year of experience hopefully, like with most of our guys, will help him bloom."

Luongo will man first base and Velardo will join him on the right side of the infield at second base. Bobby Sinopoli has earned the starting nod at shortstop, while Billy Sinopoli will play the hot corner when he's not pitching and senior Joe Cavanaugh and Tildsley will handle third base when the Wildcats' ace is on the hill.

From left to right, Wilmington will feature senior Pete Olivieri, Godding and Stark in the outfield with junior Joe Downs and senior Derek Downs in reserve. Junior Joe Caira will see time at second

Thomas tabbed to all-star team

Kristen Thomas of Wilmington was one of three University of New Hampshire ice hockey players who were selected to the 2002-03 New England Hockey Writers Association Women's Division I All-Star Team, the organization announced recently. It was also announced that UNH head coach Brian McCloskey was voted the New England Hockey Writers Coach of the Year.

The team will be honored at the New England Hockey Writers Annual awards banquet April 16 at the Prince of Pizza Restaurant in Saugus.

McCloskey guided the Wildcats to a 27-7-2 overall record that included a second place finish in the conference and a runner-up finish in the league tournament. The 27 victories are the second highest total in the 26 year history of the program.

Thomas, a junior defenseman and co-captain whose 2002-03 Women's Hockey East honors included All-Star First Team, played in 33 of 36 games. She tied for the team lead in assists with 23, tied for sixth in points with 27 and was fourth in plus/minus at +30. Thomas ranked 11th in the nation in points per game for defenseman and is 25th overall in assists. Her season highlights include a nine game point scoring streak at the start of the season as well as twice matching her career highs in both assists and points.

Walsh, Hanley named All-Scholastics

Congratulations goes out to three local high school athletes who have been named All-Scholastics by the Boston papers in their individual sports.

Wilmington High senior Derek Hanley was named by both the Boston Herald and Boston Globe wrestling teams (as well as the Lowell Sun team). Hanley, who just finished up his career this weekend in the National tournament in Ohio, was a two-time Massachusetts state champion, an all-state champion this year, and a two-time New England place finisher. He had a record of 57-4 this season and 158-35 for his career.

Hanley's teammate, Roman Walsh was named to the Boston Herald All-Scholastic team (as well as the Lowell Sun team). He too finished up his career this weekend at the Nationals. He finishes as a state champion, an all-state and New England place finisher with a season record of 56-7 and career mark of 119-32.

Finally Tewksbury High senior three-sport athlete Ryan Byrne was named to both the Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic Track-and-Field teams. During this winter season he won the all-state competition in the shot put toss-

ing 55 feet, 2.5 inches which also broke a school record. He also finished 8th at the New England Meet. Byrne was also named the Lowell Sun Athlete of the Year in track-and-field, while his coach Steve Levine, was the newspaper's Coach of the Year.

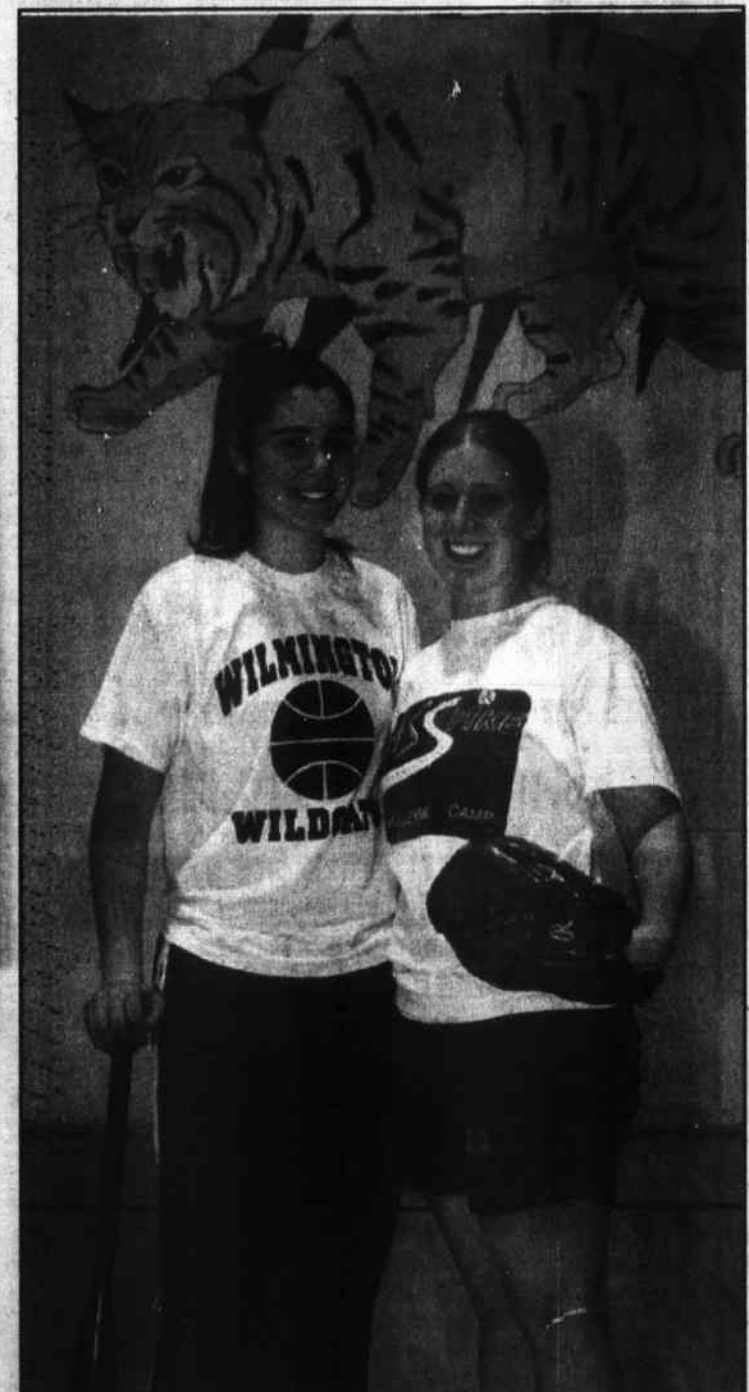
- JAMIE POTE -

Senior Class to take on teachers in hoop game

The Wilmington High School Class of 2003 will be playing their teachers in a fun filled basketball game to be played on Wednesday, April 9 beginning at 7 PM at the Larry Cushing Sr. Memorial Gymnasium.

The cost of the game will be \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students and senior citizens. The proceeds of the game will help defray costs for the senior lock-in and other senior activities.

Tickets may be purchased at the door.



ALL IN THE FAMILY! Wilmington High senior co-captains and cousins, Stacy Comer (left) and Lauren Crowley (right) hope to lead the softball team back to the sectional final. This year's team opens the season on Monday afternoon at the Town Park. (photo by Jessica Stygles).



THE FORCE BEHIND THE FORCE: WHS wrestlers were supported by their friends on the Wilmington Police Force on the eve of their trip to the Nationals. Wrestlers (on left wearing jackets; l to r) Jordan Weiner, Roman Walsh and Derek Hanley had the help of the Wilmington Police Assoc to finance the trip. (courtesy photo)

Wrestling trio end great run at Nationals

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

With 738 wrestlers representing 46 states in this Country as well as several others from Germany, three kids from the small town of Wilmington, Massachusetts did extremely well in the High School National wrestling championship meet held this past weekend in Cleveland, Ohio.

Both Roman Walsh and Derek Hanley went 2-2 in their four matches, and Jordan Weiner wrestled two tough losses in the weekend tournament which began this past Friday night and ended on Sunday.

"We had never had a win at this meet," said coach Mike Pimental. "I know I got a little greedy though. On Friday night Roman had won so I was calling the athletic office leaving a message that we won our first match. Five minutes later Derek won. Then a little after that both of them won again. Then I was thinking too far ahead that two more wins and we could come away with a place finisher. We had kept it one match at a time because we were all excited to be out there, but I know I got too greedy then. It's just a totally different world out there."

Both Weiner and Walsh wrestled out of the 64-member 130-pound weight class. Walsh dropped down one weight class. Weiner's first match was against Bobby Latessa of Florida. He was a two-time state champion, who ended up placing fifth in the National tournament. Weiner was defeated in a technical fall, 19-4. From there he faced Mark Decissio of Rhode Island, who finished with a record of 38-1 for the season and 129-20 for his career. Decissio barely got by Weiner who came back and

really wrestled strong, losing 4-2.

Walsh faced Lance Hines of Georgia in his first match. Hines was a four-time place finisher at the state meet, and came into this season with a 52-0 record, including 29 pins, not to mention a career mark of 177-15. Walsh beat him, 9-5.

"Roman was winning 9-0 and really beating him around but late in the match Hines got a reversal for two points and three back points," said Pimental.

From there Walsh had another tough task. He took on Velson Kugo of Alaska, who came in with a 24-1 season record including the state title, and a career mark of 77-26. Walsh defeated him, 5-2.

"It was really close at first," said Pimental. "It was 0-0 after the first, and then Roman put him in a cradle on his back in the second and then scored more points with a reversal in the third."

With two wins under his belt, Walsh then took on three-time state champion Nate Hanson of South Dakota, who came in with a 41-0 season record and an incredible 232-17 career mark. Walsh was defeated, 8-2.

"Hanson just outmuscled him - the kid was an Ox," said Pimental.

In the wrestle backs, Walsh then faced Randy Vanderveen of Minnesota, who was a two-time runner-up and a state champion, who came in with an 49-1 record for the season and 176-28 career mark. Walsh barely was edged out, 3-0.

Hanley wrestled out of the 140-pound weight class. Pimental said that he got a really bad draw which didn't help matters. Hanley faced Adam Veeler of Illinois first, and he came in at 38-2 for the season and 131-14

for his career, while he was the state's second best wrestler. Hanley defeated him, 7-3.

Then Hanley met up with Joshua Combs, the Georgia state champion who came in at 42-2 for the season and 139-18 for his career.

"Derek was winning 1-0 going to the third period and Combs looked over to his coach asking if he should take top or bottom and all of a sudden he fainted and passed out," said Pimental. "He was still in the hospital the next day and we hope he's OK. We never heard anything else."

Hanley won the match on the injury default. That put him to his toughest match of his career, against Ryan Needle, a three-time New York state champion and five-time state finisher who came in ranked third in the entire country.

"Coming into the season he had an 218-7 record and he was closing in on the national record of wins which is like 250," said Pimental. "I don't think he got it but I'm not sure what his final record was. But I know he was a state champion, as an eighth grader, then again as a sophomore and senior."

The two battled very tough with Needle coming out 4-2.

After facing the third best wrestler in the country and barely losing, Hanley then faced the best kid, Antonio Mangione of New Jersey. He was a two-time state champion who came in at 35-0 on the season and 139-4 in his career.

"In his first match he hurt his ribs, tearing some cartilage so he lost by injury default," said Pimental. "So he went to the loser's bracket and after Derek lost to Needle he had to face him. But Derek did very well, he lost 9-5 but he had two extremely tough matches in a row and did great."

Hanley ends his career with a 57-4 record this season and 158-35 for his career. He was a two-time state champion, and a two-time New England place finisher. Walsh ends at 56-7 on the season and 119-32 for his career and was a state champ and New England place finisher. Weiner finished at 47-10 on the season and 83-24 for his career - all 83 wins coming in the last two years. He's a two-time state place finisher.

"I'm very proud of all three of them," said Pimental. "They all accomplished many great things. They helped raise the bar for everyone else. They let everyone know what can be done if you work hard. It was such a great experience. The three of them were very excited about going, no matter what happened. That's what it's all about. They faced the best competition, and they all realize what they have to do to get to the next level. But they also realized that they can hang with these kids."

All three of them plan on wrestling in college. Weiner is deciding between Norwich/Babson or Merchant Marine Academy. Walsh has been offered multiple full academic scholarships with WPI, University of Missouri at Rolla, LeHigh and Hofstra all contacting him heavily. Hanley has been contacted by Springfield, Sacred Heart, while Division 1 American University of Virginia has shown great interest in him as well.

Pote's From the Press Box

Bold predictions as the new season begins

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year's spring season was very good overall through the three towns. The Wilmington High and Shawsheen Tech softball teams both lost in the Division 2 and 3 North Sectional finals after finishing up terrific seasons. The Tewksbury baseball team captured its fourth straight MVC Small School title. The Tewksbury High boys track team captured the Class C State Meet title.

The Tewksbury High softball team and the Shawsheen Tech baseball teams enjoyed very successful seasons, being defeated in the second round of the state tournament. The Tewksbury girls tennis team finally had a match in their own courts.

On top of that four local underclassmen were named All-Scholastics by the Boston papers. Kelly Boyle, the MVP of the MVC in softball last season, DJ Bettencourt, who led the entire MVC in batting last season, Jen Elwell, who tossed 16 shutouts for the Lady Ram softball team, and Janelle Iaquinio, who struck out 219 batters in 135 innings for Arlington Catholic, were all named to the Boston Herald All-Scholastic teams in their respective sports. Elwell was named the Boston Globe's Division 3 Player of the Year.

All four players are back this season. Boyle will be heading to Sienna University on a softball scholarship. Both Bettencourt and teammate Mike Rocco will be headed to Division 1 Collegiate programs on scholarships at UMass-Amherst and Bryant College, respectively.

Wow! That was a lot of positive news. Let's hope the same is repeated this week when the season begins.

Here's a glimpse of what to look for in this spring season, and of course the predictions of the local teams.

Baseball

Last year the Redmen finished at 12-10 overall (I predicted 13-8 regular season, adding one extra game by mistake) and defeated Winchester and lost to Masconomet in the second round of the Division 2 North state tournament. This year's team seems to be much better on paper than last year. The team has two outstanding number one pitchers in Tom Lorette and Rocco. Add to that an all-scholastic catcher who threw out all but one attempted base stealer and already there's great optimism.

Coach Ron Drouin also has a handful of very nice complimentary players with Matt Davis (.333 last season), Errol Fagone up from the JV squad, Steve McKenna, Ryan Corson and Doug Heald.

If this team stays healthy they should be right in the mix in every game because of the pitching. Lorette and Rocco are very polished left handers who throw hard, who work extremely hard and who are very competitive. Bettencourt is arguably one of the best catchers in the entire state, and he delivers in the clutch batting over .400 in each of his first three seasons.

Obviously the talent is there to accomplish a lot. If the team gets good innings out of Davis, Fagone and Corson to relieve the pressure off the two big guys, this team will cause a lot of damage. The team can't look too far ahead.

Prediction: 15-5.

Wilmington is coming off a 4-16 season under first year head coach Aldo Cairra (I was an upbeat guy and predicted 11-9). However, the 16 losses are deceiving since the team had five one-run losses.

Cairra says that he has up to eight pitchers on this year's team led by Billy Sinopoli and Ryan Tildsley. They might not be Lorette and Rocco, but they are two solid guys to have in a rotation. The team desperately needs at least two of the other six to step up and provide big time innings and several wins if this team wants to improve on its four win season.

Cairra also said the team is spending a lot more time on defense, and I think they will be much better in that department with the players they have. Bobby Sinopoli and David Velardo are strong up the middle and should provide a steady diet of double plays.

The team's hitting should be pretty good with Billy Sinopoli, Ken Luongo and Sean Godding as the line drive/power hitters, with Greg Buck, Dave Velardo and Peter Oliveira as the contact hitters. Robbie Gillis has a lot of potential but he has a pre-season injury.

I think the team's success will be determined on their fundamentals. If they can get decent enough pitching to remain in every game, the games will be

determined by defense, and moving around runners and of course clutch hitting. The potential is certainly there for a winning season. But there are plenty of ifs. If they get a third/fourth pitcher, if their table setters get on base and if they play defense, this team could be a big surprise. If not it'll be another struggle.

Prediction: 10-10.

Softball

Last year two teams made runs and fell just three wins shy of a state championship. Tewksbury on the other hand was eliminated by a terrible call by an umpire. Yet, all three teams have most of its players back, including all three hurlers, thus immediate success should once again be on the horizon.

Wilmington comes in after their 18-4 overall record (I predicted 14-4 regular season, and they finished 15-3) and a 4-2 loss to Central Catholic in the sectional final. The team lost two very valuable players in Jackie Rubino and Danielle Cleary.

But what is back is very good. Pitcher Jackie Joyce is very legit. And she's only a junior. Two other juniors Lauren Rappoli and Shannon Fahey are tremendous hitters. Both of them are switching from their outfield positions to take over at catcher and third for the two players who graduated. The double play tandem of Stacy Comer and Lauren Crowley are not flashy but certainly they have above average in the field, and will be counted on to make things happen at the plate.

The question comes down to the outfield, and the team's table setters. The three outfield spots are all up for grabs. No matter who wins the positions, they all need to play defense first. Not too many batters in the CAL will put the ball in the outfield against Joyce, but if they do, the 'Cats need people out there to make the plays and that will be a deciding factor.

The other factor is table setters. Rappoli, Fahey and Joyce will probably bat third, fourth and fifth. Crowley did a great job of getting on base last year and she'll probably be first or second, depending on if Lani Cabral-Pini and her bunt/slap game is put into effect. If so, she'll probably bat first, or could slide down to ninth as an extra lead-off type batter.

Again if they stay healthy, they certainly have the talent to cause a lot of damage.

Prediction: 18-2

Last year I predicted the Shawsheen Rams softball team to finish 22-2 and they finished the entire season at 22-4. Two big losses for the team are catcher Kelly Gillis and right fielder Kathleen Guiney. Simply put they replace them and this team can very easily go undefeated the entire season.

Pitcher Jenn Elwell was 21-3 last season with 343 strikeouts and 16 walks, including tossing 16 shutouts in 24 games. And she was a sophomore.

Jess Eaton is one of the best lead-off hitters in terms of on base percentage in the entire state. She worked very hard on the bunt/slap game and she has excelled in it.

Sarah Zimmer is one of the most productive RBI hitters around and as long as Eaton and company get on, there should be no reason why this team can't get three or four runs every game which is more than enough for Elwell to work with.

It'll come down to two simple things for this team: execution on the short game and defense. If they can do that there should be no reason why this team isn't a state championship contender. I'm not going to say they will win it all, because that's a lot of pressure, but if things go right they could very well go untouched the entire way.

Tennis/Track teams

You never know what the other teams have or don't have so it's basically impossible to make predictions. The Wilmington track teams start up a week later so we don't know yet who they have on their teams.

As for Tewksbury they both have strong clubs, good depth and big numbers again. The boys team has 91 participants. That's amazing.

Ryan Byrne, Dan Sarsfield, Courtney O'Brien and Jenn Clark are among the best in their respective events which should make the spring season fun. I expect both teams to be in the mix for league and state class meet titles once again.

As for tennis, I think Tewksbury girls will be better with three underclassmen single's players back. The Wilmington boys should be decent with Derek Trueira and Sean Osgood leading the way.

The girls tennis team is hoping for several wins as they remain in one of the toughest leagues around.

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Sinopoli adding the right pitch

By MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

Even the best pitchers in the game need to use the element of surprise now and then and one of Wilmington's best hurlers might be better equipped for sneak attacks this season.

Senior co-captain Billy Sinopoli, who pitched Wilmington to three of its four wins last season and posted an ERA of 4.69, now has a neat complement for his potent heater: a hard-breaking curveball.

The development of Sinopoli's strong second pitch started at the end of last season with a request from coach Aldo Cairra.

"We wanted him to improve on his curveball," said Cairra, now entering his second season as Wilmington's coach. "His curve wasn't the greatest last year. Over the summer he worked on it a lot and you can tell. It's going to make his fast-ball even better if he can snap that curve in there."

"And we're trying to get him and all our pitchers to not waste as many pitchers as they did last year and cut down on walk-strikeout ratio. I can envision him averaging at least one strikeout per inning."

The 5-foot-10, 220-pound Sinopoli, who fanned 20 batters and walked 18 in 43.1 innings last season, began his education of the curve during the off-season playing in the Northeast League and then continued its development this spring.

"Last year, it wasn't breaking too good," said Sinopoli, whose fastball registers more than 70 miles per hour. "Last year it was kind of like a changeup. One of the coaches showed me a different way to grip it this year and it's working out pretty good. I had been holding it like a two-seamer and now I've got it going across like a four-seamer."

If opponents didn't have enough to fear, Sinopoli believes his repertoire isn't the only thing he's improved on.

"I definitely feel like I'm throwing a little bit harder and I've got a little bit more bat speed," said Sinopoli.

It's hard to believe, but Sinopoli is as much a threat to hit one out of the park, as he is to fire a fastball through the strike zone. Last season, Sinopoli hit .400, leaving himself little room for improvement and high offensive expectations for this season.

"It's pretty hard. A junior batting .400, there's not much he can improve on batting average-wise," said Cairra. "I guess I'd like to just see him drive in more runs. He was only fourth on the team in RBI last year. He needs to make every at-bat count."

"He's a real power hitter and a strong pull hitter. I got mad at him the other day (at practice) because he lost three balls over the left field fence and those cost me \$3.50 a pop. So we were joking around about that. He has a lot of lift and he loves to drive the ball. He has powerful legs and powerful arms."

As Sinopoli continues his development as a hitter, balls might be getting lost to center and right field in the near future.

"I definitely think my bat speed improved more and I'm definitely driving the ball more," said Sinopoli, who plays third base when he's not pitching. "Actually I had more opposite-field hits (over the summer) than in my whole life and hopefully that'll keep up."

The Wildcats will need even more than hitting, pitching and defense from Sinopoli. Along with second baseman David Velardo, Sinopoli will serve as Wilmington's co-captain.

"The kids look up to them as leaders," said Cairra. "It's almost a calming effect when Billy's pitching. It's comforting when he's pitching and leading the team."

Said Sinopoli, "I'd say I'm more of a quiet leader on the field. I'm trying to be a bit more vocal and get the guys going because some of them I

know real good."

Sinopoli would love to pitch at Merrimack College next season, but if he has to take the prep school route he'll be more than happy to use that as a detour on his way to donning a Warriors' uniform. In the mean time, he has plenty of goals to keep him focused during his senior season.

"Hopefully I'll hit higher than .400 this year," said Sinopoli. "Hopefully I'll win a few more games pitching and just help the whole team win more games."



Getting the work in! Wilmington High senior Billy Sinopoli will get the nod on opening day on Monday as the team's starting pitcher (photo by Jessica Stygles).



Switching up! Wilmington High junior Lauren Rappoli will be moving from center field to catcher this season. Last year as a sophomore she led the entire Cape Ann League in hitting and was voted to the All-League team. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

Rappoli is switching gears

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

For the last 15 years or so, the Wilmington High softball team has always had a tremendously talented catcher. It started in the late 80s with Judy O'Connell, who moved on to play at Merrimack and was tabbed an All-American.

After that names like Lisa Southmayd - who went to a very good career at Endicott College - and Jackie Rubino - who caught the last four years and is now playing at Merrimack - put on the masks and did a very good job. Carrie Tarantino was stuck in there and she was the catcher in the team's first state championship back in 1993.

Those players had a lot to do with the success this program has had over the past decade which included two state championship titles, four trips to the Division 2 North Sectional final, a handful of Merrimack Valley Conference and Cape Ann League titles, and of course several hundred victories.

If you have a real good pitcher and an excellent catcher in the game of high school softball, you can accomplish many things. After Rubino graduated this past June, the team was left with a real good pitcher in Jackie Joyce, and the question was left of who would fill in to catch her.

It didn't take long for coach Bob Surran to find the answer. He turned to the Cape Ann League's best center fielder and best hitter of a year ago, Lauren Rappoli.

"I think Lauren is one of most talented players to ever go through this program," said Surran. "If she's healthy, and if she's motivated, I really believe that not only will she play in a Division 1 college program, but she'll have a stand-out career there as well."

Rappoli is a three-sport athlete at the high school, but clearly softball is her best sport. She plays soccer and basketball but she is good in those sports because of her athleticism. Rappoli is very confident when she plays, and sometimes that takes away a little from her game in both soccer and basketball.

But on the diamond, she's an excellent player in all facets of the game. She can play with that swagger because after all she led the league in batting last year with a .554 clip, which

tabbed her an all-conference player as a sophomore as well as a selection to the Lowell Sun All-Star squad.

"Lauren has made the transition really well," said Surran. "I know she caught during summer softball. Both her and Shannon [Fahey who is moving to third base from right field] are taking over for two very good players in Jackie [Rubino] and Danielle [Cleary] at two high skilled positions and both of them look very strong."

"Lauren has such a quick release. She reminds me of Dan Marino, when he would go back and pass, the next thing you know he had that quick release and the ball was rocket to his receivers."

The big reason why those previous catchers excelled was their defense. Handling the pitchers, blocking pitches in the dirt, blocking the plate and throwing out runners were all big strengths of the former backstoppers.

"I've caught Jackie [Joyce] for two-and-a-half years on summer teams and I think she's an awesome pitcher," said Rappoli. "She's very accurate and she has a variety of pitches. We've done really well together and I don't think that will change."

Rappoli said Joyce has about six pitches she throws at anytime, and the new catcher is very confident in all of them whether it be the old number one, or the different versions of a curve or rise. She doesn't think it'll take her long to get back into the groove.

"It's different than center field because as a catcher you are in every play," she said. "I'm going to miss the outfield, it was a lot of fun. With Stacy [Comer at shortstop] and Lauren [Crowley at second base] I'm very confident that we can pick off a lot of runners."

"It's just getting back into it because I haven't had the gear on since last summer."

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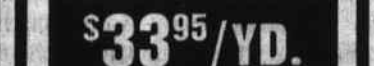
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Boys tennis team looks to keep it going; girls try to get on track

By PAUL HAYES
Sports Correspondent

There was a time when Wilmington High boy's tennis was not considered a successful program. But following two straight state tournament appearances, they are on the verge of being referred to as a very respectable program. New head coach Matt Hackett would love to keep it that way.

The Wildcats open the season on their home court against Newburyport on Friday, April 4.

Last year the team overcame the loss of their top three players to graduation, finished two games over .500, and won their first round match in the state tournament, losing in the second round to Hamilton-Wenham, 0-5. It was their second straight year in the tournament.

"There's a little bit of pressure to continue (the team's) success," said Hackett. "You'd

like to see the streak stay alive."

Wilmington will be led this year by senior co-captains Sean Osgood and Alex Stevenson, who is expected to start the year at the junior varsity level.

"Both Alex and Sean are good kids," said Hackett. "You don't have to be a starter to be captain. They both have the respect of their teammates. I just found it to be an obvious choice."

Osgood and junior Derek Trueira are expected to be the team's top two singles players, each moving up a spot following the graduation of last year's first singles player Steve O'Dea. Last season, Osgood went much of the season unbeaten at second singles; and Trueira forced opponents into third sets and tiebreakers.

In addition to Osgood and Trueira, the varsity team is expected to be comprised of juniors Chris Ng, Lou Auciello,

Joe Costello, Brandon Kelly, and Dan Chalmers.

In a key positional battle, Ng and Auciello, last season's first doubles team, are expected to play a challenge match for the third and final singles spot this season. According to Hackett, the players are evenly matched.

"Both are worthy of a singles spot," said Hackett. "But we'll have to go with what happens on the court. May the best man win."

Hackett has been impressed with his team. Since assuming the head coaching position just over a week ago, he has already noticed improvement in his other varsity candidates, including Costello, Kelly, and Chalmers, who are expected to start the year playing doubles. One will play first doubles, and the remaining two will play second doubles.

Roster spots will be formally decided this week. However,

inclement weather has prevented the team from finalizing their lineup. Monday's snow squalls delayed the challenge matches. Hackett intends to finalize the team's lineup by Wednesday night, prior to the season opener on Friday.

Girls look to turn tide

Hope springs eternal for the Wilmington High girls' tennis team. This year that hope is manifested in new coach Kevin Welch, who hopes that playing smart will translate into winning tennis.

"The challenges for me are determining the strength of the league, and then figuring out how to get Wilmington to compete," said Welch.

Welch, the team's third coach in three years, has spent the preseason stressing tennis strategy to his players. He wants them to think first about when and where to hit the ball, and second about form and technique.

He said the weather is to blame. He stressed strategy because inclement weather limited the team's outdoor practice time at the Boutwell School courts. As a result, Welch had little time to work with his players on body mechanics.

"(The player's) skills will come back," said Welch. "But with a short time to practice, I can't change the way they hit the ball. It's more important to teach them the game, and as the season goes along can work on skills."

This season, the team is led by senior tri-captains Holly Flynn, Katie Haepers, and Christina Ng. Flynn and Haepers played a doubles team last season, and are expected to return as a doubles team this year. Meanwhile, Ng will compete for the third singles spot.

The team's top player is expected to be returning first singles Katie Riley, a three-

sport athlete who ran indoor track and played for the Lady Cat volleyball team that lost to Notre Dame Academy in the Division III North Sectional Semifinals last year.

Other returning player competing for varsity spots are juniors Allison Flynn, also a member of the Wilmington High indoor track and soccer teams, Tiffany Zolt, a member of the field hockey and ice hockey teams, Melissa Estremera, and Jenna Ciaramella.

Welch is encouraged that the majority of potential varsity players will be returning next season, and hopes gains made this year can translate into future success. The Lady Cats open their season on Friday, April 4 at Newburyport, and then play on April 7 at Masconomet. Their first home match is on April 9 against perennial league power Lynnfield.

Pair of new coaches get in the swing of things

By PAUL HAYES
Sports Correspondent

This year the Wilmington High varsity tennis teams each have new coaches. Both are young, and eager to lead their teams to victory. Matt Hackett looks to build upon the success the boy's team has had the last two seasons, while Kevin Welch hopes the girl's team will experience some success of their own.

Hackett takes over.

Not everyone finds a job they like after college, but Matt Hackett found two of them. Hackett, a Wilmington native, is a first-year social studies teacher and the new boy's tennis coach at Wilmington High School. To hear him say it, there's nothing better than totting textbooks and tennis rackets at his former stomping

grounds.

"It seems like everything is falling into place," said Hackett, reflecting on the recent developments in his life. "I couldn't have written the script any better."

Hackett graduated from Wilmington High in 1998, and was a four-year member of the Wildcat boy's tennis team, playing second singles in his final year. Last spring, he graduated from Merrimack College with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a history minor.

When he returned to Wilmington High, the tables were turned. He found himself staring down the students, and fraternizing with the staff. But he said he quickly adjusted to the role reversal.

"It was a little weird at first to return as teacher, but I'm

already familiar with everyone," said Hackett. "All the teachers there are great people, and they've all treated me like a professional."

As a coach, he has tried to follow the example set by his predecessor, and the man who was once his coach, Mike Tammaro, who also was a social studies teacher in town.

"I'd like to think I will take a little bit from him," said Hackett. "He was a classy guy. He always demanded the respect of the players, not through authoritarian means, but through mutual respect. If he was teaching or coaching, he would rather get respect without being a dictator."

Tammaro coached the Wildcats for nearly 20 years, and led the Wildcats to back-to-back state tournament appear-

ances over the past two years. Hackett hopes to build on the team's recent success.

"There's a little bit of pressure to continue (the team's) success," said Hackett. "You'd like to see streak stay alive."

Welch tabbed third coach in as many years

Sometimes brains defeat brawn. It's a lesson that Kevin Welch is teaching the Wilmington High girls' tennis team as they gear up for the 2003 season, which opens on Friday at Newburyport.

"There are matches we know will be tough," said Welch. "But even if other towns have stronger players, you can play smart."

Welch hopes intelligent play can help turn around a program which has suffered a

string of losing seasons stretching back over ten years, including last year when the team finished with a record of 2-18.

He insists the team is confident, and looks forward to seeing his players improve over the course of the season. He is the program's third coach in three years, following Jen Griffin last year, and Patti Cushing two years ago.

Welch was a former Merrimack Valley Conference tennis star. He played four years at Lowell High, and in his last two years was a member of the varsity team. In his senior year he was team captain, and was named an MVC second team all star.

After high school he attended the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, and during his freshman year he

was a member of the school's varsity tennis team, playing second doubles and fifth and sixth singles.

He stopped playing tennis his sophomore year at UMass-Lowell, in order to focus on academics. In 1993 he graduated with a bachelor's degree industrial management. He is currently nine credits short of master's degree in technology education from Fitchburg State College, and expects to graduate this spring. Welch teaches technology education at the Wilmington Middle School. The class covers such technology-related topics as robotics, hydraulics, aerodynamics, research and design.

Welch hopes the success he's had in the classroom can carry over to the tennis courts.

Squirt B's eye first place as season winds down

With its first place berth in the Valley League locked, the Wilmington Squirt B hockey team is eyeing the top slot in the East Division of the Dual State League as the regular season in that League quickly winds to an end next week.

The Wildcats (14-2-1) entered last weekend in first place with 29 points and leading second place Salem by seven - not a bad edge considering that Wilmington had only two games left going into it. They finished the weekend with a more comfortable 15 wins and

31 points, as they downed Wakefield 3-1 on Sunday at Hockeytown.

The big question now is Salem's schedule. With its 10-2-2 record showing just 14 games played as of last week and their schedule/results unavailable at press time, Salem could theoretically have had five games left to play, giving them a mathematical but unlikely chance to upset the B's should the B's lose their final game next week.

The Wildcats didn't take any chances last Sunday against

Wakefield though, putting the pedal to the metal early to get out in front by two in the first period and then polishing things off with a third score in the closer.

Pat Young energized the Cats with an early first period goal off of a shot by David Mello that missed the net but caromed off the back boards out in front. A waiting Young then planted it in the net.

The B's then closed the first period with a quickie goal. Center Brian Coutu won a face-off in Wakefield's end and

backed it out to defenseman Johnny Malone at the center of the blue line. Malone skied a shot over the players, goalie and just under the cross bar to raise the lead to two at the first buzzer.

Wilmington's six shot run didn't change the score for them in the second period, but Wakefield nailed a breakaway goal with 5:12 to go in the frame to make things an interesting 2-1. Wilmington netminder Craig Benard rebuffed Wakefield's other five bids to tie it up to keep the B's in front

at the end of two.

The clincher for Wilmington came in the third when a Pat Young shot from the left side just missed the net but luckily bounced off the boards to the right of the net. Nick Masiello pounced on the opportunity and knocked the puck in to end it at 3-1 Wildcats.

Wilmington's defensemen Tommy Quilty, Alex Williams, Kevin Moriarty and Jimmy Mullen did a nice job quieting Wakefield in the third, allowing only five shots on net.

Cole Carter, normally a

defenseman, had an excellent start at wing. Forwards David Sugrue, Adam Martinello, Jimmy Stokes and Adam Siegel also cranked it up a notch with all out performances in the third period that paid dividends down the stretch.

Next week the B's close out their Dual State regular season and get right back into the thick of it in the Valley League, where they will begin the playoffs. Thanks again to R.H. Young Cooling & Heating for sponsoring the team this season.

Chris Welch makes AAU Lightning team

Lightning Baseball of New England is pleased to announce the selection of Chris Welch of Wilmington, MA, to its 13U AAU team for the 2003 season. Chris was 1 of 14 players selected from more than 70 that attended tryouts.

Chris and his teammates, including players from MA, NH and ME, have been working out since last October. The team completed a hitting clinic and pitching clinic in November and starting in December they have been participating in weekly workouts at Extra Innings Training Facility in Middleton, MA.

The Lightning team is one of sixteen AAU teams in the state vying for a spot at the AAU National Tournament held the last week in July at Kinston NC.

Chris is an 7th grader at the Wilmington Middle School in Acton. Chris has no brother or sisters but does have a dog named Nakita.

Last year Chris played for the Wilmington Little League Indians where he led them to the league championship. Chris was a two time selection to the Wilmington All-Stars

and was a leading pitcher as well as a first and third baseman.

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Rams start up new lacrosse program

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Starting a new sports program is no easy task, particularly at a place like Shawsheen Tech where there are several successful teams already available to the student athletes. In order to get started, it takes not only athletes willing to participate, but also supportive parents and coaches willing to donate their time to build the program.

Fortunately for Shawsheen Tech they were able to have all three of these things when they decided to start a lacrosse team which will compete at the varsity level for the first time this season.

The coaches of the team will be familiar to all fans of Shawsheen's other sports teams. The head coach will be Al Costabile, who also serves as the head coach of the Rams football team. His assistant

will be Chuck Baker, who also serves as his assistant with the football team. Baker is also an assistant with the Rams hockey team.

Costabile says that putting together the program was made much easier thanks to the interest from parents and students.

"We have gotten positive feedback the past couple of years from some of the parents who knew this was a good area for lacrosse," Costabile said. "We had also heard from several football players that they would like to start a team. We knew some of them had experience from Billerica youth leagues."

The program, however, may have never gotten off the ground without support from the top. Shawsheen Superintendent Charles Lyons fully supported the idea and was very helpful in getting it going.

"Charles Lyons thought it was in the best interest of the school to start the program," Costabile said. "So between positive feedback from parents and the superintendent seeing it as a good idea as well, we were able to get it started."

Of course, all the support in the world would not have mattered if there were no students who wanted to play. With that in mind, the administration went about spreading the word to the Shawsheen student body. They did this at open houses as well as in the initial meeting that freshmen students have with the administration.

The response could not have been better. 50 players tried out for the squad, and the Rams will carry 32 players on the team this year. 32 players is a few more than some teams will carry, but with the start of a new program, Costabile felt it was best to retain as many

players as possible.

"We have a large group of young people," Costabile said. "We've got a lot of sophomores and freshmen and we want to keep them connected to the program. We didn't want to get into a situation where eager kids wouldn't get to play."

Making the large turnout even more satisfying for the coaches is that 24 of the 32 players on the final roster also play either football or hockey for Shawsheen.

"That is really nice for coach Baker and myself," Costabile said. "I feel there is some commonality between the three sports. The main one being they are the most physical sports you can compete in as far as a team sport."

The large number of athletes who went out for the team could raise on concern, however. Did other sports lose potential participants because of the

large interest in lacrosse and many players desire to play for Costabile and Baker? Costabile understands why someone may have that concern, but says that is definitely not the case with this group of athletes.

"It hasn't done that at all," Costabile said. "It was a concern, but it has not been the case. What it has done is increase the ratio of kids participating in spring sports. There are nothing but positives in this."

As for Costabile and Baker, they are thrilled with the opportunity to be at the helm of this new program. They have been working just as hard as the players at learning the game. Although they have some experience with the sport, they know there is still more to learn.

"We had to apply for the positions and it is something we both wanted to do," Costabile

said. "We have coached together for five years and we are both in favor of physical sports. We feel fortunate to be given this opportunity. We have worked some camps and gone to some camps and clinics. We are trying to learn and we are still in the process of that."

The other difficult part of starting a new program obviously is trying to be competitive against teams that are well established. Costabile knows it will be tough at first, but feels that with the work his players are putting in, it will not be long before they are able to be challenge some of the top teams.

"Our real goal this year is to build a solid foundation," Costabile said.

"We want this to be a great program that people can be proud of. We will get better as time goes on, but we expect to be competitive."

Season begins this week with tough opponent

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech lacrosse team will kick off its inaugural season this week with two road games. The Rams took on Blackstone Valley on Tuesday and will meet Lynn Tech on Friday.

Although it is just their first season and there is still a lot to learn from both the players and the coaches, the Rams aren't expecting to be the Tampa Bay Devil Rays of the Massachusetts Vocational Lacrosse League in which they will be competing.

"We think we will win some games," coach Al Costabile said. "We think we can com-

pete. Some teams will probably take us lightly and that is great."

Although it is the Rams first year with a varsity program they are not completely lacking in experience. There are 10 players for the Rams who have previous lacrosse experience, mostly from youth leagues. Costabile and assistant coach Chuck Baker are hoping that the experience of these players will help in the learning process of those playing for the first time.

"Some of their experience will rub off on the other kids," Costabile said. "There are certain things that they can probably show them as far as equip-

ment is concerned and what to do in certain situations."

The Rams will have 32 players on their roster this year, after having 50 players try out for the team. Senior Craig Femia will start in goal for the Rams. The starting defensemen in front of him be junior T.J. Boyle of Tewksbury, junior Joe Esposito of Wilmington, along with junior Justin Marzeoti.

The midfielders will be sophomore Chris Cox along with freshmen Roy Hellmer and Kyle Marzeoti, while the attackers will be junior Brian Warden, sophomore Dan Warden and freshman Ron Raymond.

Simply by looking at their

starting lineup it is obvious that the Rams have a very young squad. This is at least partially by design, as Costabile and Baker are looking to have these players grow along with the program.

"One of our goals this year is to get our inexperienced players some experience," Costabile said. "We also want to get our experienced players to play even better. We want to develop a chemistry and a cohesiveness to help us build for the future."

The MVLL in which the Rams will be competing may afford them an opportunity to compete a little sooner than would be expected. Blackstone Valley is a well established program

that will be tough for the Rams to beat in their first year, and Assabet and Tri-County are also well established. But South Shore will join Shawsheen in their first year of varsity play this season, although they did play at the club level last season. Lynn Tech and Northeast are both in just their second year of competition.

"The general opinion of the coaches we've spoken to is that Blackstone is the team to beat. They have had a great deal of success," Costabile said. "And we start out with them, so it is sort of trial by fire. But we expect to be competitive."

The captains of the team will

be Femia, Esposito, Justin Marzeoti and Brian Warden. Along with Boyle and Esposito, other locals on the team will include Tewksbury natives, junior midfielder Mike Foley, sophomore attacker Peter Capraro, sophomore defenseman Hank Chase, sophomore midfielder Ron Gordon, sophomore attacker Jonathan Proulx, sophomore midfielder Chris Silva, freshman midfielder Rich Fantasia and freshman defenseman Tom Gorman.

Wilmington residents on the squad will include junior defenseman Bill Nee, sophomore attacker Kyle Patrie and freshman midfielder Tom Warford.

Lady Rams softball team rearing to go

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

It will be difficult for the Shawsheen Tech girls softball team to improve on last year's success, in which they were champions of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference and then advanced all the way to the Division 3 North Sectional Finals before falling to St. Mary's in 14 innings, but that is just what new head coach Maureen Buckley plans to do.

"We hope to win the league, win the Vocational Tournament and the go to the state tournament and win that as well," Buckley said. "The girls understand we have the capability to do that. We just have to put ourselves in position to do it."

Some pretty lofty goals to be sure, but with nine players returning from last year's squad which enjoyed a 19-3 regular season, Buckley knows they are not too lofty for her team. And Buckley knows whereof she speaks.

Although she is entering her first year as head coach, she has been the Lady Rams assistant for the past several years

under former coach Buddy Henry and she knows the kind of talent she is inheriting. She also knows she has a group who will be working to improve every day.

"It's very exciting," Buckley said. "It's a lot of fun and it's nice to see the girls working so hard."

One of the biggest reasons for the optimism surrounding the Lady Rams starts right on the mound, where Tewksbury native Jenn Elwell, a junior, is one of the finest pitchers in all of the state. Elwell, in fact was the Boston Globe Division 3 Player of the Year last season, and Boston Herald All-Scholastic, after posting a record of 21-3 with a ERA under 0.50 with 343 strikeouts and 16 shut outs.

"She will be a big key to our success," Buckley said. "She's got very good speed and very good control. She doesn't get rattled. She is very consistent. Very seldom does she struggle with her control."

Although many positions were still up for grabs as of last week, there were several key

players that Buckley knew she should count on. Along with Elwell, eight other players return from last year's squad. Although starters have not necessarily been decided, many of these players will start and all will certainly see significant playing time.

Sophomore Kristine Elwell, sister of Jenn, will play multiple positions as she excelled last season at second base, catcher and pitcher. Although Jenn will do the large majority of the pitching, Kristine will fill in on occasion.

Junior Sarah Zimmer of Tewksbury will return at third base and she remains the team's most productive hitter over the last two years leading the team in extra base hits and RBI. Another Tewksbury native, junior Denise Lazarra will return to play shortstop to round out the infield and she has been known for her overall consistent play in the field and at the plate.

In the outfield, the starting positions are still unknown, but senior centerfielder Jess Eaton will almost certainly

return to her position as well as her spot at the top of the order where her speed and hitting ability provides instant offense for the Lady Rams. Senior left fielder Christine Maguire is another returnee, along with fellow outfielders junior Heather Thomas, senior Shaina Viera of Wilmington and senior Laura Ferreira of Tewksbury.

"It's still early," Buckley said last week. "Several positions have yet to be decided but we have a lot of players who are looking very good."

Regardless of who the starters end up being, the keys to the Lady Rams success will remain the same. Obviously it begins with Jenn Elwell, but that is hardly Shawsheen's only strength.

"Defensively we are very solid and we have to continue to play good defense," Buckley said. "We've got Jenn on the mound, but we have to be ready at all times defensively."

While the Rams likely will not allow a lot of runs this season, they will still need to score some in order to win, and

Buckley has seen signs in the preseason that her team will be able to put some runs on the board.

"We have been doing a lot of drills and I can really see them coming around," Buckley said. "They have been swinging the bat more and more. The only way to improve is to improve confidence and I can see their confidence improving with the work they are doing."

The experience gained last season will be another big reason why the Lady Rams are likely to be improved offensively.

"We've got a lot of young kids who are starting to realize that they can hit," Buckley said. "Having been there before there is not as much pressure on them. They know if they don't get the hit then someone else will."

One of the primary offensive weapons for the Lady Rams last season was the running slap, which involves the batter, normally a lefthander, running out of the batter's box and either laying down a bunt or taking a full swing.

The play puts a lot of pressure on the opposing defense, especially when the batter has the speed of Eaton or Maguire.

"You need someone who has good speed on the base paths to execute it," Buckley said. "Eaton and Maguire are very good at it, but several other players are also learning it. It will be a big part of our offense."

As great as last season was, the ending left a bitter taste in the mouths of every player who is returning this year. It hasn't been very hard for Buckley to motivate her squad as this season begins.

"We have talked a lot about the way it ended last season," Buckley said. "They did not like that feeling and they would like to work hard to put themselves in position to win that last game this season."

The Lady Rams opened their season Tuesday at home against Amesbury and will follow that game up with a road game at Notre Dame of Tyngsboro on Friday and a home game against Minute-man next Tuesday at 3:15.

Baseball team hoping to be in the thick of things once again

By: MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

When the Shawsheen Tech baseball team opens their season at home on Friday afternoon against Lowell Catholic, they will be looking to build on last year's very successful 13-7 regular season, which earned them a share of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference lower division championship along with Whittier. They followed up the regular season with a 4-2 win over North Reading in the first round of the Division 3 North tournament.

The Rams also advanced to the finals of the Vocational School Tournament with a win over Blue Hills before falling to Greater Lawrence. Although the Rams were bounced in the quarterfinals of the state tournament by Hamilton-Wenham, the season as a whole had to be viewed as a success and it is something that second year coach Kevin Bloom hopes his team can carry over to this season.

"We experienced some success last year and we would like

to build on that," Bloom said. "Hopefully we gained some experience with advancing to the tournament and we can use that this year."

It won't be easy for the Rams, as they, along with Whittier have been moved up to the CAC Upper Division, after having competed in the lower division for the past several years. In order to maintain a competitive balance, the two top teams in the Lower Division were moved up, while the two bottom teams from the Upper Division, Lynn Tech and Northeast were moved down.

"We played well at points last year, but in the tournament against North Reading we played a complete game," Bloom said. "That is the type of game we are going to have to play all the time this year with the raised level of competition."

The season will not be easy, as the Rams will be challenged by defending Upper Division champ Tyngsboro along with Greater Lawrence for the top spot in the league, but the Rams certainly have fine core

of players returning that should help them to once again be successful.

One of the returning players who will be relied on most heavily will be senior left fielder Gerald Holland of Wilmington. Holland will be one of two team captains this year for the Rams. The second captain has yet to be determined, but Bloom is hoping that whomever he chooses to join Holland will be as much of a leader as the Rams cleanup hitter.

"He was a captain last year as well and he leads by example," Bloom said of Holland. "He gives 100%, 100% of the time. He worked extremely hard in the off season to improve."

There are still a couple of positions up for grabs, but for the most part the starters have been decided. Senior Jeff Paquette will do the catching and bat third for the Rams.

"We'll be looking for him to drive in some runs from that third spot," Bloom said. "He hit over .400 last year and he has really improved defensively as well."

Mike Spinale will start at first base when he isn't pitching and Mathew Hogg of Wilmington is battling for playing time at second base.

"Hogg has been very impressive in scrimmages," Bloom said. "He's done a real nice job in the field and at the plate. He's definitely in the mix for an infield job."

Senior Chris Frost will play shortstop, while a pair of juniors, Scott Johnson of Tewksbury and Jason Cantwell is battling for the job at third base. In the outfield Holland will patrol left field, while senior Kevin McCauley will leadoff and play centerfield after batting over .400 last season. Senior Jamie Martinez will play right field.

One of the biggest jobs for the Rams lineup will be to replace the offense that was provided by the graduated Brian Corcoran of Wilmington. Corcoran had 34 RBI's last season from the cleanup position and will be tough to replace.

"We are not looking for just one guy to replace him, but rather we are looking for the

offense as whole to step up."

An experienced pitching staff will try to make the runs provided by the offense stand up for the Rams. Though there is no clear number one, Spinale seems to be the leader of the pack at this point based on his performance last season. He went 5-3 last year with a 3.37 ERA, with his biggest win coming against North Reading in the tournament.

"He emerged as the number one last year," Bloom said. "He really improved as the season progressed."

Scott Johnson will also pitch for the Rams, along with fellow Tewksbury resident, lefthander Steve Stocki. Stocki posted a 2.62 ERA last season and struck out 31 batters in just 18 2/3 innings while being used as a relief pitcher. He had four saves and a 2-0 record to go along with his other impressive numbers. The only question about Stocki is where Bloom will choose to use him.

"He was so successful as our closer, but on the other hand the idea of starting him and having him out there for five or

six innings at a time is also very attractive," Bloom said.

With a large collection of upperclassmen on the roster, Bloom knows he can count on his team to react well to various game situations that will come up during the season.

"I think our experience is our biggest strength," Bloom said. "We have been going through situations on defense and we are able to go through them a lot more quickly because for a lot of our players it is their second or third year of varsity play."

Bloom also said that the depth of the pitching staff is a big strength for the Rams. These are two of the reasons that despite the step up in competition, Bloom still feels the Rams have a very good chance to have another successful year.

"We hope to qualify for the tournament as goal number one, and after that we want to compete and be in the hunt for the league title," Bloom said. "We also want to get to the Vocational Tournament as we did last year."

Wildcat Pee Wee C's skate past Methuen, 3-1

The Wilmington Pee Wee C's strengthened their playoff chances with two wins in Dual State this week over Methuen and Medford.

Wilmington 3, Methuen 1

After battling to a scoreless tie over a week ago, Wilmington and the Methuen B squad met again and this time the Wildcats pulled out a 3-1 victory over the Rangers. Wilmington started the scoring at 4:11 of the 1st period when Stephano Santini broke up a Methuen play in their end. He got the puck up to Chris Thibault on the right side. Thibault's shot was stopped by the goaltender but an alert Steve Wamboldt jumped on the rebound and put Wilmington up 1-0.

At the end of the period a Methuen

forward broke out on a rush but was stopped by defenseman Charles Barbaro just inside the blue line. Methuen tied the game on a power-play goal halfway through the 2nd period when a shot across the front deflected off a Ranger forward stationed by the crease. With fifty-seven seconds remaining in the period, Wilmington reclaimed the lead when Kevin Carter scored from in front. Good work behind the net by Phil D'Arcangelo and Alan-Michael Santos set up Carter's score.

The defense again played well in this one. Brendan Foley had several breakups of Methuen players rushing in. Scott Benard used his body in open ice to take the opposition off the puck. Barbaro, Jared Hayes, and

Paul Martel all played excellent at the points, stopping clearing passes and sending the puck back in. As usual, goaltender Zach Rosa played brilliantly, making all the necessary stops, including several with Methuen players on his doorstep.

The line of Santini, Wamboldt, and Thibault had sustained pressure in the Methuen end in the early moments of the 3rd period. It was on their next shift, however, that the continued pressure and great passing resulted in Thibault scoring Wilmington's third goal at 7:06, with Wamboldt and Santini both assisting.

The 3-1 score would hold up thanks to solid goaltending, good defensive play and strong backchecking. Several times Carter hustled back to break up plays. Forwards Jon See, Dom McCann, and Ryan Kennedy continually stole Methuen passes to frustrate the opposition. With three minutes left in the game, the penalty killing unit of Carter, Santos, Foley, and Barbaro controlled the puck for the full sixty seconds and didn't allow a shot.

Wilmington 1, Medford 0

In a tough battle, the Wildcats were able to edge out a 1-0 victory over

Medford last Friday night at Tyngsboro. The play throughout the game was rough but also strong defensively. Both teams displayed an ability to control their own ends. After a hard skating, yet scoreless, 1st period the skating became slightly sluggish in a penalty filled 2nd period. The highlight of the period was a stick save by Wilmington's Zach Rosa while Medford was on the powerplay.

The skating picked up in the 3rd period and it resulted in the only score of the game. Chris Thibault came down the right side and took a blistering shot at the net. The goaltender made the save and deflected it behind the net. Stephano Santini raced in and battled behind there for the puck. He gained control and saw his winger, Steve Wamboldt, out front. Taking Santini's perfect pass, Wamboldt snapped off a quick shot and Wilmington was up 1-0.

The defense of Paul Martel, Jared Hayes, Charles Barbaro, and Brendan Foley all played well, picking off passes and running Medford forwards off the puck. The forwards kept Medford busy as Jon See, Dom McCann, and Scott Benard were

strong along the boards and in the corners. The line of Phil D'Arcangelo, Alan-Michael Santos, and Ryan Kennedy kept the pressure on with good play in front of the net and also some topnotch forechecking.

With under a minute to go, Medford pulled their goalie for the extra skater. The Wildcats kept the play in the neutral zone for the most part but then Wilmington picked up two penalties with only twelve seconds left and they struggled to clear the puck. With only seconds left Hayes was able to loft the puck out side the zone but Medford quickly cleared the zone and a skater rushed in with the puck. Rosa made the game saving stop a split second before the final buzzer rang.

With the two wins, Wilmington improved their playoff chances in the Northeast Division. However, with only a handful of games remaining, ten teams still have a possibility of making the final four spots. It should be a great battle right down to the last game of the season.

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

10A Dadant Drive
Wilmington, MA 01887
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James E. Hembree to Interbay Funding, LLC, dated August 16, 2001, and filed with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry Deeds at Book 12012, Page 276, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on April 23, 2003 at 11:00 A.M., at or upon the mortgaged premises more particularly described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County,

Massachusetts, being Lot 2 on a certain plan of land belonging to Thomas J. Madden, et ux, dated February 25, 1963, by Robert Anderson, Reg. Land Surveyor recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 98, Plan 25 and being bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by Dadant Drive, as shown on said plan, one hundred thirty-four (134) feet;

Westerly by lot 3 as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; Northerly by land of Seville and Egan as shown on said plan, one hundred thirty-four (134) feet; and

Easterly by Lot 1, as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet.

For title reference, see Deed dated August 15, 2001 and recorded with said Deeds at Book 12012, Page 274.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

TERMS OF SALE: Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) is to be paid in cash, certified check and/or bank cashier's check to be paid by the Purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by the Purchaser by certified check and/or bank cashier's check within thirty (30) days thereafter at the offices of Harry Castleman, Esquire Michienzie & Sawin LLC, 101 Merrimac Street, Boston, MA 02114. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Interbay Funding, LLC, Delaware Limited Liability Company as servicer for First Union National Bank, as Indenture Trustee present holder of said mortgage by its attorney, Harry Castleman, Esquire Michienzie & Sawin LLC 101 Merrimac Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 227-5660
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more or less, said Lots 243, 244 measure each twenty (20) feet in width by eighty (80) feet in depth, and contains each, according to said plan, one thousand six hundred (1,600) square feet, more or less.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagees attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 201 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, MA 01824-2307, c/o Sanjit S. Korde or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B, without recourse, present holder of said mortgage by its attorney,

Sanjit S. Korde Korde & Associates, P.C. 201 Chelmsford Street Chelmsford, MA 01824 M19,26,A2,3208 (978) 256-1500

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 86P3677G12

In the Matter of Wayne Vitti of Tewksbury

In the County of Middlesex

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF

GUARDIAN OF MENTALLY ILL PERSON

To Wayne Vitti of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex and his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said Wayne Vitti of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex is a mentally ill person and praying that James E. Mahoney of Boston in the County of Suffolk or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person - with the authority to administer antipsychotic medication in accordance with the treatment plan - with the authority to consent to customary and usual medical treatment.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on April 17, 2003.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, March 14, 2003.

John R. Buonomo Register of Probate

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Register of Probate

maintenance, repair and replacement

Together with an easement of access upon Lot 57 for the maintenance repair and replacement of all conduits chutes ducts plumbing, wiring flues and other facilities for the furnishing of utility services which are contained in the granted premises or the building thereon which serve Lots 57 and 58.

Subject to a Declaration of Protective Covenants to be recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds Book 5550, Page 41.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10301, Page 122.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

The Bank of New York Acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-2 President holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, Harmon Law Offices, P.C. Kimberly C. Turina, Esquire 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 A2,9,16,3231 (617) 558-0500

Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

at E-Z Mini Storage, 470 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 (978) 851-6999. Property will be sold at public auction held on Thursday April 10, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. The description of the goods and name of the person(s) whose property is to be sold is as follows:

Redican, Raymond: fans, dish-wash, painting, file cabs, wheel-chair, exer equip, books, vac, boxes

Donovan, Alfred: dresser, washer, dryer, exer equip

Donovan, Alfred: childs bike, bassinet, stroller, boxes, bags

Davis, Amy: matt, toys, carseat, rock chair, garb cans, table, misc items

Sullivan, Wendy: micro, end table, hutch top, sidebrd, rattan chair

Worthley, Bonnie: washer, dryer

Donovan, Kathleen: dining tbl, painting, console, stereo, baseball cards, misc boxes

Wells, Glenn: crib, skis, dresser, buffet hutch, rock chair, toys, exer equip, bags, boxes

Barden, Dennis: toolboxes, hydraulic jack, camp equip, air tank, auto pts, misc HH items

Adams, Robin: valances, roll top desk, buffet, ladder, chair, refig, misc HH items

Griffen, Kim: rugs, pics, bkst, glass window, wick chair, misc HH items

Gillis, Malcom: monitor, toolboxes, jigsaw, weed eater, chain saws, chopsaw, antique saw, snake, clamps, misc garage items.

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Kevin Anderson, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 02P4400G11

In the Matter of James Wilson also known as Larry Wright of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MENTALLY ILL PERSON

To James Wilson AKA Larry Wright of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex and his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition as amended has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said James Wilson also known as Larry Wright of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex is a mentally ill person and praying that Kristen Lasker of Cambridge in the County of Middlesex or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person with authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan -with court authorization for the following extraordinary procedure (s):

DNR

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on May 5, 2003.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, February 10, 2003.

John R. Buonomo Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT PROBATE OF WILL

ADMINISTRATION WITH THE WILL ANNEXED WITHOUT SURETIES

MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION

DOCKET 03P1358AA

Estate of Helen S. McAskill

Late of Tewksbury

In the County of Middlesex

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that a certain instrument, purporting to be the last will of said deceased may be proved and allowed and Kachador Naroian of Lawrence, in the County of Essex, be appointed administrator with the will annexed of said estate.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge, on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on April 18, 2003. In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Beverly Weinger Boorstein Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, the twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and three.

John R. Buonomo Register of Probate Court

A2,3235

Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Steven A. Muise to First NLC Financial Services, LLC, dated March 19, 2001 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 11465, Page 244, of which mortgage The Bank of New York, acting solely in its capacity as Trustee of EQCC Trust 2001-2 is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2003, on the mortgaged premises located at 401 Lords Court, Wilmington, Middlesex County,

Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon shown as Lot #58 as shown on a subdivision plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land, Shawheen River Estates, Wilmington, Massachusetts. Scale 1" = 40 degrees. Date June 31, 1992 Dana F. Perkins, Inc. Owner: Third Avenue Realty Trust Wilmington, MA recorded at Middlesex North Registry of Deeds recorded at Plan Book 178, Page

Subject to and with the benefit of the right to use the streets and ways as shown on said plan for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Town of Wilmington in common with others entitled thereto.

Subject to a 10' sewer service easement and a 20' wide access and utility easement as shown on said plan.

Further together with the benefit of a 20' wide access and utility easement over lot 27 and land of Third Avenue Realty Trust as shown on said plan, if applicable.

The grantor herein reserves the right for itself, its successors and assigns for the benefit of Lot #57 to repair, maintain and replace all conduits, chutes ducts, plumbing wiring, flues and other facilities for the furnishing of utility services which are contained in the granted premises or the buildings thereon which serve Lots 57 and 58 together with an easement of access thereto for

maintenance, repair and replacement

Together with an easement of access upon Lot 57 for the maintenance repair and replacement of all conduits chutes ducts plumbing, wiring flues and other facilities for the furnishing of utility services which are contained in the granted premises or the building thereon which serve Lots 57 and 58.

Subject to a Declaration of Protective Covenants to be recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds Book 5550, Page 41.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10301, Page 122.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

The Bank of New York Acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Trust 2001-2 President holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, Harmon Law Offices, P.C. Kimberly C. Turina, Esquire 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 A2,9,16,3231 (617) 558-0500

Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 03P1304EP1

In the Estate of June D. Bennett Late of Tewksbury

In the County of Middlesex

Date of Death February 23, 2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Carla J. Forsythe of Tewksbury in the County or Middlesex be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on May 2, 2003.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said court at Cambridge this day, March 28, 2003.

John R. Buonomo Register of Probate

A2,3233

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

at E-Z Mini Storage, 470 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 (978) 851-6999. Property will be sold at public auction held on Thursday April 10, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. The description of the goods and name of the person(s) whose property is to be sold is as follows:

Redican, Raymond: fans, dish-wash, painting, file cabs, wheel-chair, exer equip, books, vac, boxes

Donovan, Alfred: dresser, washer, dryer, exer equip

Donovan, Alfred: childs bike, bassinet, stroller, boxes, bags

Davis, Amy: matt, toys, carseat, rock chair, garb cans, table, misc items

Sullivan, Wendy: micro, end table, hutch top, sidebrd, rattan chair

Worthley, Bonnie: washer, dryer

Donovan, Kathleen: dining tbl, painting, console, stereo, baseball cards, misc boxes

Wells, Glenn: crib, skis, dresser, buffet hutch, rock chair, toys, exer equip, bags, boxes

Barden, Dennis: toolboxes, hydraulic jack, camp equip, air tank, auto pts, misc HH items

Adams, Robin: valances, roll top desk, buffet, ladder, chair, refig, misc HH items

Griffen, Kim: rugs, pics, bkst, glass window, wick chair, misc HH items

Gillis, Malcom: monitor, toolboxes, jigsaw, weed eater, chain saws, chopsaw, antique saw, snake, clamps, misc garage items.

M26,A4,3223

Kevin Anderson, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. 02P4400G11

In the Matter of James Wilson also known as Larry Wright of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MENTALLY ILL PERSON

To James Wilson AKA Larry Wright of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex and his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition as amended has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said James Wilson also known as Larry Wright of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex is a mentally ill person and praying that Kristen Lasker of Cambridge in the County of Middlesex or some other suitable person be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person with authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan -with court authorization for the following extraordinary procedure (s):

DNR

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on May 5, 2003.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, February 10, 2003.

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\$389,900

HOME FEATURE OF THE WEEK



Wilmington

SPARKLING and bright six year young Split Gambrel with huge private yard, wrap around deck & shed. Eight rms, three bdrms, 1.5 bths, cabinet packed eat-in kitchen, corian counters in baths, front to back master w/his & hers closets, 1st flr laundry, fresh paint & neutral decor.

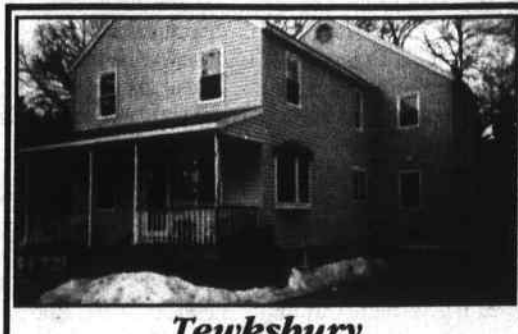
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Wilmington- Hathaway Acres

MINT CONDITION describes this six room Cape featuring three bedrooms, eat-in kitchen with new vinyl tile flr, new vanity & toilet in bath, new hardwood stairs, new windows, security system, beautiful back yard with lovely landscaping, motion spot lights, close to schools & Tre 93.

\$ 329,900



Tewksbury

CUSTOM BUILT colonial with complete rehab in 1994 inside & out, offering eight plus rooms of living four bedrooms, 1.5 baths, country kitchen with computer nook & mud room, central air, vinyl exterior, front porch and fenced yard.

\$ 339,500



Wilmington- Just Listed

ONE OF A KIND! Colonial featuring nine rooms, three bedrm, three baths, entertainment size dining rm w/hardwood flrs & bow window, spacious family rm w/stone fireplace, sliders to private hot tub room master suite w/bath & balcony, heated four car garage with separate heat, nr major rtes.

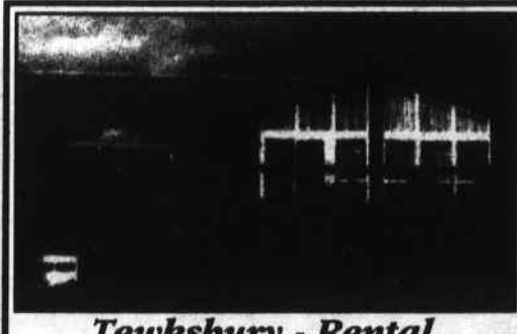
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Tewksbury

Lovely newer Colonial located in desirable cul-de-sac featuring 8 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, spacious fireplaced living rm, formal dining w/hardwood, sparkling eat-in kitch master w/jacuzzi bath-separate shower

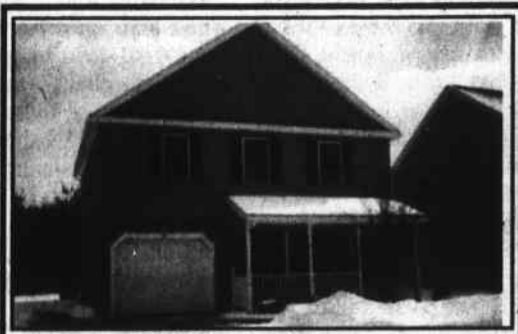
\$ 459,900



Tewksbury - Rental

HOUSE RENTAL with eye opening cathedral lvg area, expansive flr to ceiling fp, walls of windows, gleaming hardwoods, newer cherry bath with jacuzzi tub, 4 bdrms, 1.5 bths, play rm, sun rm, wrap deck, 2 car det. gar, cen air. 1st, last, sec. No pets or smokers

\$2,000 per month



Tewksbury

Eagles Landing Detached Townhouse - Beautiful condo offering four rooms, two bedrms, 1.5 baths, hardwood floors, surround sound wiring, whirlpool bath, central air, farmers porch, custom blinds, attached garage. Located in 55+ Adult community with club house, indoor swimming & great views of public golf course. Call Today!

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Wilmington - Two Family

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Tewksbury

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Tewksbury

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NEW TO MARKET! Expanded country Cape offering seven rooms three/four bedrooms, one bath, fully applianced kitchen with custom blond cabinets, sliders to deck, spacious family room, ceiling fans, wall air units, central vac, replacement windows, shed & fenced

\$232,900



Wilmington

FOUR YEAR YOUNG Hip Roof Colonial with open concept floor plan, six rooms, two+ bedrooms, hardwood floors in dining room, 1.5 baths, partially finished lower level currently used as office, nice level lot.

\$ 344,900



Dracut

NEW TO MARKET Young Garrison on private lot with six rooms, three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, large kitchen, formal dining, first floor laundry, 1700+/- sq. ft. of living space, vinyl exterior, near schools & bus routes

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Tewksbury

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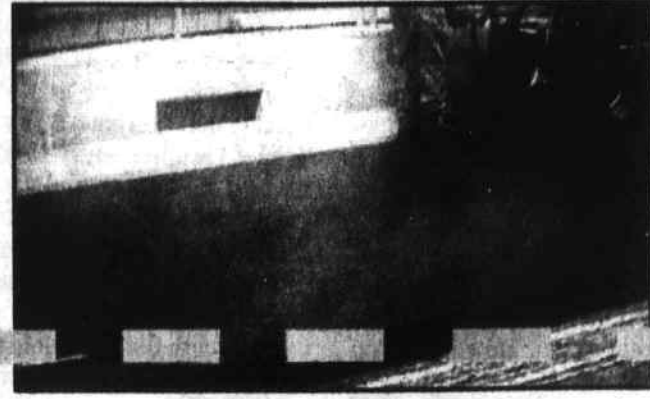
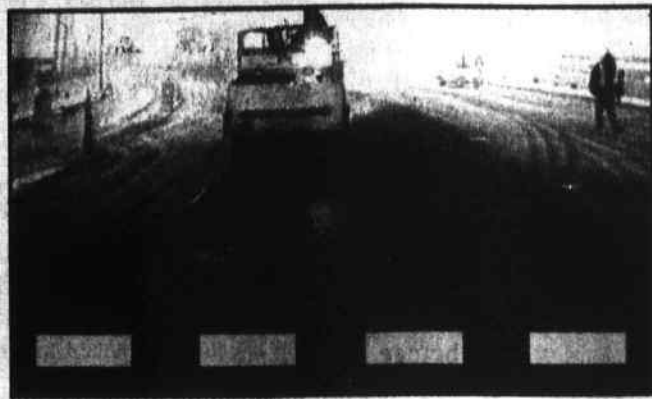
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Travelin' the Big Dig

By PAUL FEELY

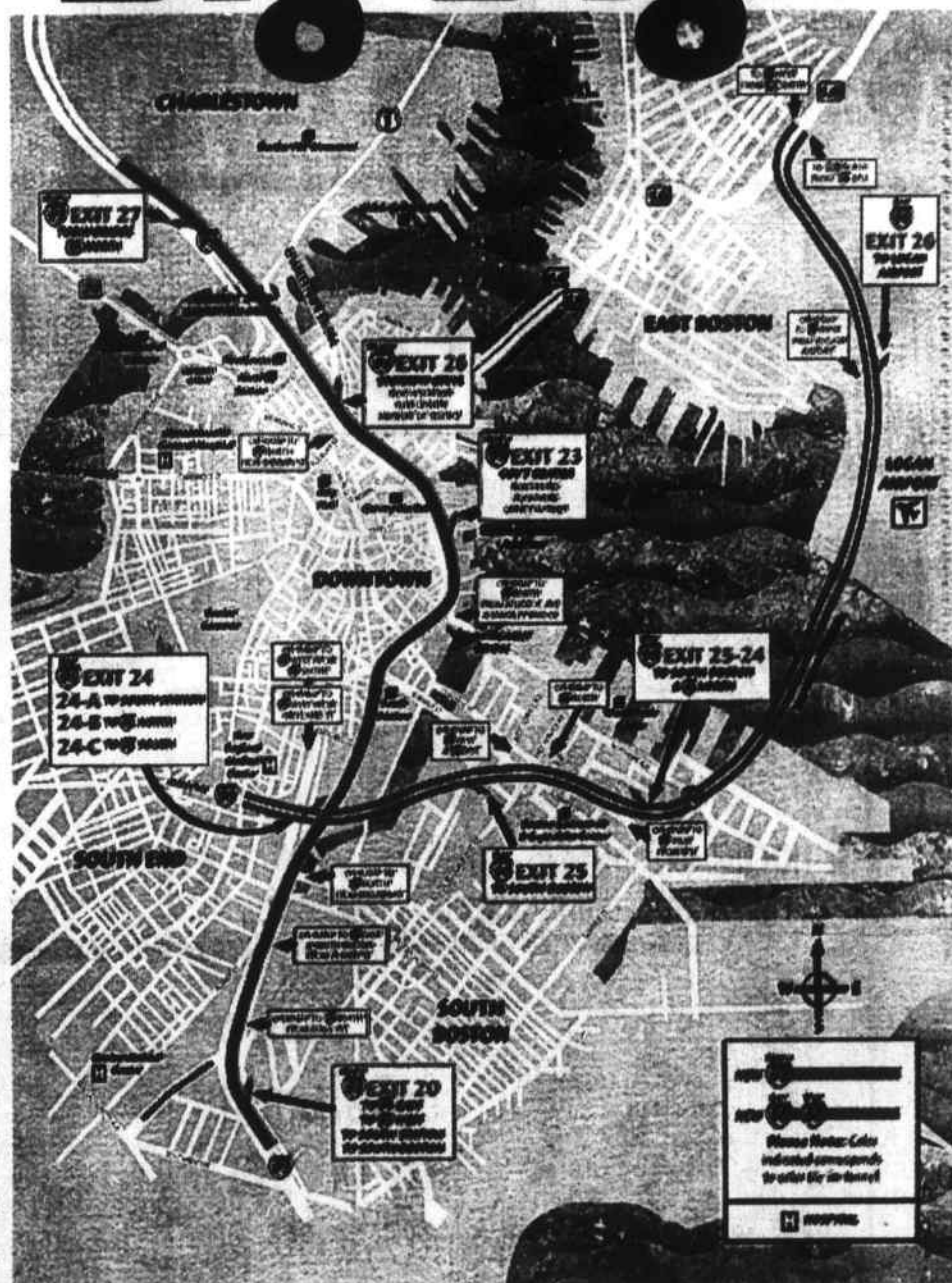
For anyone who has lived through it since the planning stages began, it is almost incomprehensible to think that Boston's Big Dig is nearing completion.

The project has gone on much longer than anyone ever thought, and exorbitant cost overruns have become fodder the past few years for late night commentators, but what took place this past weekend in and around the city was truly an example of an engineering marvel.

Earlier this week, commuters coming from the south of the city travelled along the newest portion of the Big Dig to open up to the public, and for those of us monitoring the project the milestone means the creation of a new tunnel, as well as a glimpse of the light at the end of it.

The Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge opened on Sunday night, March 30, 2003 and now carries four travel lanes of northbound traffic coming out of the new I-93 North tunnel system beneath downtown Boston. Drivers heading towards the Tobin Bridge/Route 1 should use the left-hand travel lane on the Zakim Bridge and take the left side Exit 27 to the Tobin Bridge. The Zakim Bridge will carry six lanes of northbound traffic once completed at the end of 2004.

The existing I-93 South through downtown Boston does not change by the opening of the new I-93 North tunnel system. However, in mid-April 2003 the location of the I-93 South lanes will shift up on the old elevated Central Artery and



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Big Dig to S-4



Folks, sometimes being a business person, boss or employer isn't a bed of roses especially if my sister Maureen works for one of them. Maureen told Kathy, "If it weren't for the good salary, air condition, swimming pool, free theater tickets and the four weeks vacation, I swear I'd quit this stinking job!"...
A business man can't win. If he does something wrong,

he's "pined." If he does something right, he's, "taxed!"...

Missy Palladino waltzed into the newspaper office with, cigars for all the men and a box of expensive candy for the women. "What's the great occasion missy?" I asked, she smiled a mile wide and shouted, "It's a boy! It's a boy! six" foot tall and 160 POUND."

Woodchips to S-2

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From S-1

Zsa Garbor said, "It's just as easy to fall in love with a rich man as a poor man..."

Folks, if you think nobody cares if you're alive - try missing a couple of car payments...

The psychiatrist told Blackie Vega, "I wish you would stop smoking!" "Why?" Blackie asked, "is it bad for me?" "Who the heck cares!" The head-shrinker shouted, "Look you idiot, you just burned a hole in my brand new couch!"

An elegantly dressed society matron was just leaving one of the season's biggest charity fundraising parties when a panhandler asked her, "Lady, can you spare a dollar for a poor man?" "You must be out of your mind!" she shouted. I spent \$500 for a ticket and \$600 for this gown. How dare you ask me for money when I did all that for you!"

George Gould told his doctor, "I feel all washed out. I need something to stir me up, did you put something like that in my prescription?" "No," the doctor replied, "You'll find it when you get my bill..."

The police radio blared out, "Attention all cars, investigate a nudist colony in the west side of the city. Use extreme caution if a, pinch is necessary."

....My Cousin Mario DiMino is married to Kate but is madly in love with Edith. His wife found out last week and declare in no uncertain terms, "Mario, it's about time you learn that you can't have your Kate and Edith too!"

Bill Boivin had a great day on the golf course yesterday, he only fell out of the golf cart twice...

A REAL executive is one who can return a paper to his red headed secretary for a third retyping without getting thrown back in his, kisser!...

PERSONALITY WINNERS - Christopher Butcher, Ross Gaudet, Jeffery Menard, Eric Olshaw, Rachel and Nicole Lamb all of BURLINGTON.

Emily Biberg, Peter Lagorio, Katherine McVay, Stefanie Moynihan and Michael Gianelli all of LYNNFIELD.

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Thomas and James Turner all of TEWKSBURY.

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Jonathan Owen, Michael Procopio, Kathryn Ring,

Elizabeth Roscillo and Nicholas Vardaro all of WOBURN.

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Folks, my father-in-law sent me a, "Thank You Note" the day after I married Kathy...

I told Kathy, "I invited Blackie Vega over for dinner tonight." "I'm glad you told me," she said, "I'll hide the silverware..."

The insurance adjuster asked Howie Murphy, "When did you first notice that your roof was leaking?" "Last night," Howie said, "When it took me an hour to finish my soup."

My cousin Gina Aloisi told her class, "We are going to have a half day of school this morning." The children's grins disappeared when she added, "We are going to have the other half this afternoon..."

A lawyer told my cousin Mario, "If you lose this case 'I' get nothing. If I win this case 'YOU' get nothing..."

My Aunt Nora shouted to the paperhanger, "Are you working, I don't hear any noise?" "Well!" he shouted back, "I'm not nailing the wall-paper to the wall!"

Anita told her husband Jimmy, "You better slow down



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There are seven differences in the second picture. Can you spot them?
ANSWERS: PANCAKE, TAIL, DID, SWEATER, TEAPOT, FRYING PAN, HAT.

there's a police car in back with blinking lights trying to get by..."

I took Kathy out to dinner. She ordered steak and got it right away. I ordered lobster and when the waiter finally came I told him, "This lobster has one claw missing." "Yes, I

know," he said, "It was in a fight." "Well," I asked, "Why didn't you bring me the winner?" "The cook said," he

replied, "He reads your woodchips column, every week so he told me to bring this lobster to another loser..."

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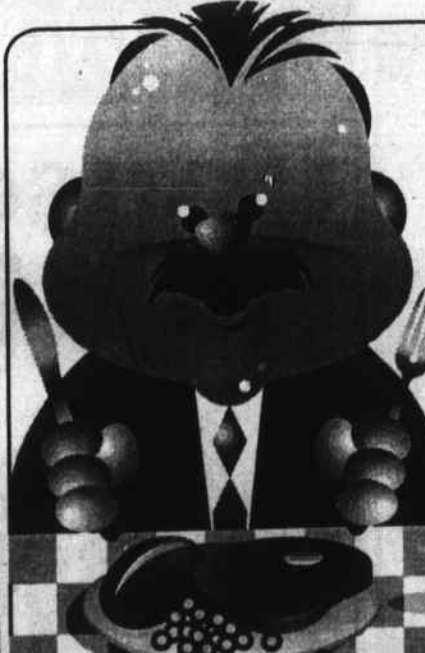
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Austin students host Argentinian teens



AUSTIN PREP and Colegio Manuel Belgrano students gather in the school's multi-purpose facility. Back row (left to right): Mario Rosso, Argentinean student, Federico Ferrero, Argentinean student, Emilio Alonso, Argentinean student, Jim Sarno, Stoneham, Andres Gonzales, Argentinean student, Florencia Forti, Argentinean student, Rodrigo Ilfarietti, Argentinean student, Jackie Flores, Wilmington, Tomas Dostal Freire, Argentinean student. Middle row (left to right): Victoria Martinez, Argentinean student, Samantha Sutherland, North Reading, Leann Scibelli, Malden, Robbie Peterson, Wilmington, Catherine Walter, Argentinean student, Federico Cianni, Argentinean student. Front row (left to right): Bridget Kent, Wilmington, Mercedes Venarotti, Argentinean student, Scott Carney, Stoneham. (Courtesy photo)

READING - What do students from small town suburbia have in common with big city students from sophisticated Buenos Aires, Argentina? They're all kids, that's what. Whether home is in the northern hemisphere or south of the equator, kids are kids. They share the similar feelings and high school experiences and listen to the same music, watch the same movies, and dress in the same fashion.

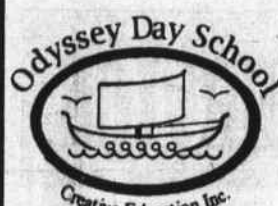
The students from Austin Preparatory School learned this important lesson this past March as part of the school's fourth annual foreign exchange program. Since March of 2000 nearly 50 students from the school, Colegio Manuel Belgrano in Buenos Aires, have journeyed to Reading as part of the cultural exchange program.

Each winter, Austin families open their doors to host a dozen Argentinean students for three weeks. These city students make themselves comfortable in their hosts' homes, attend classes, and visit historical and cultural attractions in Boston and the surrounding area. They even make a trip to New York City, all the while improving their English speaking skills and becoming part of the group.

"The Argentines have been coming to Austin since I was a freshman and I've always wanted to host a student. I was already bilingual and enjoyed languages so I thought it would be a great way to work on my Spanish speaking skills," commented senior Christina

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

THE BRIGHTEST BULBS IN TOWN

Let there be light (Woburn)

"Let there be light in 2003!" notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The Woburn Redevelopment Authority has been working diligently for the past three years on a 'Woburn Square Streetlight Replacement Program,' that would place 84 new period streetlights in the downtown area.

"The project may see the light in 2003.

"The 84 new, period streetlights would include bases, poles, luminaries and would be complete with all the conduits, handholes, wiring and service connections to give the downtown area a definitive look.

"Twelve of the lights would be on Woburn Common.

"According to the specifications, the one-piece posts will be 12 feet in height with a 16-inch diameter base. The post shall taper from 7 inches at the top of the base to a 3.5-inch diameter at the post top.

"The period-piece lights would reflect the 1920's era. The lights would be the Washington Postlight Series Acorn style with finial, band and decorative ribs. The Acorn style is manufactured by Holophane Outdoor Architectural Lighting, Inc., of Newark, Ohio.

"In discussions, the WRA said they will use the lights from High Street to the south, right through Woburn Center to Hovey Street to the north (just north of Salem Street). Lights would also be strategically spaced on both sides of the street.

"Also, the streetlights would contain a precision optical system that maximizes post spacing while maintaining uniform illumination.

"Back on November 15th, Executive Director Donald Borchelt met with the City Engineer Jay Corey and the Superintendent of Public Works Fred Russell. The object of the meeting was to review the draft bid 'Documents and Specifications...' Funding would come through a grant from the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Ready Resource Fund as administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development."

Bright light! Bright light! (Tewksbury)

"The snow continues to

come down hard, making it difficult for drivers to see past the hoods of their cars while they fight to safely maneuver through the powder-coated streets," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"Meanwhile, the Tewksbury Department of Public Works (DPW) scrambles to get all eight of their five-ton Mack trucks out on the roads, fully equipped with plows and sanders, ready to take on the brutal winter.

"Then the dreaded call comes in to Roy Hudson, the Foreman of the Mechanics

Division of the DPW. The taillight on one of the trucks has blown a fuse. The truck is pulled in, caked with ice, snow, sand and gravel. Hudson and his two men try to locate the problem by pawing through the gritty mess and fixing the lights, a process that can take hours.

"Such a situation was the norm for the DPW up until November, when Hudson implemented new lights called Light Emitting Diodes (LED) in his plow and sanding trucks. After replacing hundreds of lights on the DPW vehicles, season after season, and noticing the dull quality of the lights in general, Hudson decided to do some research.

"It's an idea I've had for a long time," says Hudson. "When there's a storm, you can see that most plow trucks have a few lights out."

"Those broken lights can prove to be a safety hazard when drivers cannot spot the plow trucks during a heavy storm while the roads are slippery.

"Hudson, who is familiar with different machinery parts stores across the country, lingered on a company called Sound Off, Inc., based out of Michigan. He found that the company manufactured these LED lights made specifically for fire trucks, ambulances, buses and construction vehicles, using a very low voltage of five amps, compared to its competitors' high voltage of 15 or 20 amps. He even found that these lights came with a bonus of a seven-year warranty.

"One of the most remarkable characteristics of these lights is their ability to possess more than 100,000 hours of life...."

Ready, set, click (Stoneham)

"Within the next two years, town officials plan to create a website that could drastically alter the nature of town government," notes

the "Stoneham Independent."

"The website, planned to be uploaded sometime this month, will include functions that allow residents to pay property taxes and parking fines online, access and submit applications for permits, and also look up town meetings on an electronic calendar.

"Think about how easy it is to just go online late at night and pull up a statistic or application you need. It's literally a 24-hour electronic town hall...that will take the mystery out of town government," said Michael A. Gallerani of Stoneham's office of community development.

"Not only will the website allow businesses and residents access to the town's

government around the clock, it will also enable town officials to focus more on their more difficult responsibilities, say those involved with the project.

"What it does is free us up from having to give out basic information over the phone and allows us to work on the more complex issues," boasted Gallerani.

"According to Gallerani, the website will be broken down into eight tiers that focus on education, public safety, culture, preservation, governance, open space, development, and infrastructure. The website will also include an interactive educational page for children and navigation tools for those still alien to the Internet."

"Planned to be completed in three separate phases over the next two years, the initial website will feature only the most basic information and an electronic calendar listing the times and agendas for town meetings...."

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Calendar of Events

JURIED ART EXHIBIT

The Art Colony Juried Exhibit 2003 is an opportunity for all fine artists to show and sell their works. It will be held at the Lawrence Heritage Visitor's Center Gallery, 1 Jackson Street, Lawrence. Show dates are Friday April 11 through Sunday April 27.

Opening reception is on Sunday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. and the public is invited. Free admission, handicapped accessible. This year's judge is Julie Bernson, Director of Education at the Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover. There is a cash prize for Best in Show, and other prizes and awards.

Receiving dates are Saturday April 5 from 10 - 3 and Sunday April 6 from 10 to 3. Entry fee is \$9. Size limit is 50 inches each way. All artwork is to be framed and ready to hang with screw eyes and wire.

All entry fees will be used to generate funds for prizes and to defray the cost of the show. 10% will benefit Lawrence Heritage Stage Park. For further information contact Debra Grubbs at 603-893-8909. DGSmarart@aol.com.

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SPRING JAZZ

COMBO CONCERT

A Spring Jazz Combo Concert featuring faculty members of the Winchester community Music School will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 5 p.m. Themed "Blues and Ballads," this jazz quartet performance features WCMS faculty members Joe Raia, sax, Don Hemwall, piano, Mark Pucci, bass and special guest Paul Marcantonio on drums.

There is no admission charge and the concert is open to the public. The location is Nichols Performance Hall at Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., Winchester. Call 781-721-2950.

TRADITIONAL RUG HOOKING MEETING

The Mayflower Chapter of the Association of Traditional Rug Hooking Artists will be

meeting on Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m. at the Reading Municipal Light Co., on Ash Street in Reading.

This month's speaker will be Jane Halliwell, author of "The Pictorial Rug." Guests are welcome. Come learn more about rug hooking. Call 978-664-2034 for further information.

COFFEE HOUSE ON APRIL 12

The Ivy Chord Coffee House proudly presents an evening of entertainment with Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer on Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. The charge is \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. \$10 for students and seniors.

The Ivy Chord Coffee House is located at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn Street, Corner of Woburn and Summer Sts.

For more information call 781-944-0494 Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon or 781-229-9394 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LECTURE PLANNED

Beverly and Addison Gilbert Hospitals, along with the Evelyn Lilly Lutz Foundation, will present the Richard Alt lecture entitled "The Economic Future of the Community Hospital in Massachusetts" on Tuesday, April 15 at 8 p.m. at Endicott College's Wax Center in Beverly.

Stuart Altman, Ph.D., professor of National Health

Policy of the Heller School of Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University will be the speaker. The lecture is free.

EASTER EGG HUNT SUNDAY, APRIL 13

The Pines of Tewksbury will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 13 at 2:30 p.m.

The Easter Egg Hunt at the Pines, located at 2580 Main St., Tewksbury, is open to children of all ages and provides some entertainment for residents.

SOFTBALL UMPIRES MEETING APRIL 17

Metro Boston ASA will be conducting fee clinics for individuals interested in becoming softball umpires. Clinics will be held each Saturday beginning April 12. For more information call 781-665-9745.

12TH ANNUAL PASSION PLAY

At 8 p.m. on the evenings of Thursday, April 17 and Good Friday, April 18, the First Parish Congregational Church of Wakefield, Church St (the stone church on Lake Quannapowitt) will present its 12th Annual Passion Play.

Performances are free. All are welcome.

40+ actors and a support team of just as many volunteers have been preparing for these performances since January. In full costume with the aid of special music, lighting and sound, the cast will enact scenes from the Bible, which will tell the story of Jesus' last days on earth.

Associate pastor Daniel Ledwith who will play the role of Jesus this year said recently, "It is one thing to hear a sermon or attend a mass or read a book about what Christianity is and about who Jesus is. It is quite another to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ come alive right before your eyes. This passion play gets right to the core of what the Christian faith is all about. It is a story for today - a story of love, sacrifice, forgiveness and hope."

For more information about this production call 781-245-1539.

AARP MEETS APRIL 4

Melrose AARP Chapter 1124 will meet on Friday, April 4 (Please note change of date.) Doors open at 1:30 p.m. at the Highlands Congregational Church, 355 Franklin St., Melrose. The church is handicapped accessible on West Highland ave.

Anyone 50 years or older is cordially invited to participate as the group welcomes spring at the annual Strawberry

Shortcake Social. Reservations can be made by calling Dottie Pearl at 781-665-7012, and leave a message.

"Lisa Manning and Friends" will entertain the group with a special musical program.

PASTA AND MUSIC SUPPER APRIL 5

A pasta supper with meatballs, salad, bread, beverage, and dessert will be held on Saturday, April 5.

Meatballs and Music is from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Reading, United Church of Christ, 25 Woburn St.

Dinner is at 6 p.m. with musical entertainment to follow. Children, youth, and adult groups will present a casual evening with singing, handbells, guitars, flutes, and instruments for Dixieland jazz.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, under 5 free. The family maximum is \$25. Reservations are not needed.

LA LECHE LEAGUE MEETS APRIL 11

The gradual transition from breastfeeding to the family dinner table can be accomplished smoothly while instilling healthy attitudes about food. Practical information about weaning and family nutrition will be shared as La Leche League of Wilmington meets to discuss "Nutrition and Weaning" on Friday, April 11 at 10 a.m. at the Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St (Rte 62), Wilmington.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of each month. Women from surrounding towns are welcome.

This meeting is the fourth in the current series of four monthly meetings open to nursing mothers and their babies,

as well as pregnant and other interested women. The discussion is informal, with opportunity to ask questions and share experiences.

The group maintains a lending library of books on breastfeeding, childbirth and child care. La Leche League leaders may be called at any time for immediate help, encouragement, and practical suggestions regarding breastfeeding, or to obtain the manual, The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding.

For directions, further information or support call Karen at 978-657-8301 or Terry 978-694-1073.

DOGWALKS AGAINST CANCER APRIL 25

Join hundreds of dogs and their owners in the fight against cancer at the American Cancer Society's third annual "Dogwalk Against Cancer" in Boston at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 26 at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Boston Common. (Rain date is April 27.)

Both walkers (with and without dogs) and volunteers are wanted for the event, which raises money to fund the life-saving programs of the American Cancer Society and the Animal Cancer Foundation.

For more information send Selena Hanson an e-mail at selena.hanson@cancer.org).

CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

MEETING APRIL 9

The Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 at the Hilton Senior Center, 61 Lafayette Road, (Route 1) Salisbury.

"The Battle of Monacacy" will be the featured topic presented by Gloria Swift, National Park Service Historian at the Monacacy National Park in Frederick, MD. Admission is free and anyone with an interest in America's Civil War is invited to attend.

For more information call Tom at 978-462-8518.

NSCC HIGH TECH CAREER NIGHT

North Shore Community College will hold a free High Tech Career Information night, Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at NSCC's Institute for Corporate Training and Technology, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 121E Beverly.

Instructors and career service representatives will be on hand to offer information and answer questions on programs such as Microsoft Certified System Administration (MCSA), Oracle 9i, Cisco A+, and Fiber Optics. Other fields and courses to be discussed are Unix, AutoCad, MCSRE, Network+.

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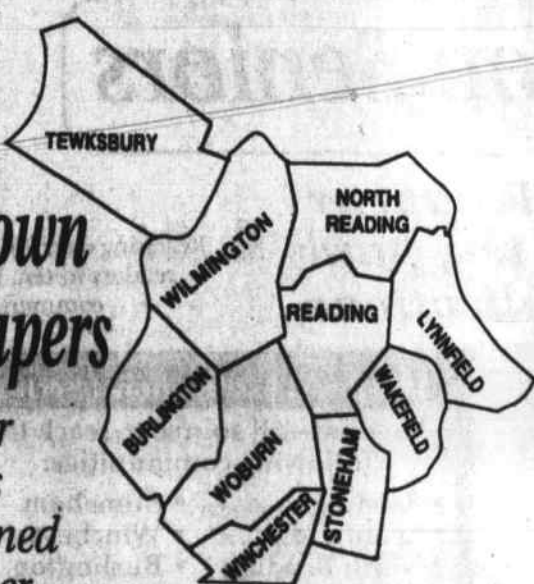
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People with severe inflammatory bowel disease and inherited familial polyposis can hope to lead a normal life even when they require surgery to cure their illness or condition. A modern day surgical option is available, especially suitable for people who already wear an external appliance because of a conventional ileostomy.

More than a million people nationally are affected by ulcerative colitis, most of them young people including teenagers and children, according to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Neither the cause nor the cure for inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is known. It is among the most perplexing and frustrating bowel conditions. Symptoms can include bleeding

from the lower bowel, fever, cramps, weight loss and persistent diarrhea. Inherited polyposis leads to cancer unless treated surgically.

Today, people who require complete removal of the large intestine (colon and rectum) need to be aware of the three surgical options currently available. People who already wear an external appliance also need to know about an alternative for which they may be a candidate. In addition to the traditional Brooke ileostomy and the ileo-anal ("J") pouch, there is the option of a continent type of ileostomy. The BCIR (Barrett Continent Intestinal Reservoir) procedure involves forming a pouch and valve from the patient's small intestine. The pouch is then drained several times daily

with a soft plastic tube.

"An individual may be able to live a long, active and productive life following this procedure," says Don Schiller, M.D., Director of the Century City Hospital Ostomy Program. "The BCIR is for patients who wish to avoid an external appliance. This includes people who already have an appliance type of ileostomy, as well as people who have a failed ileo-anal pouch or who may not be a candidate for that operation."

For patient information, please call 800-994-9819 or check out the center's Web site at www.ostomy.com/ostomy2.html.

Decorating class offered at WHS

During the month of April, Jo-Anne Lucas, a decorator with Lynne Greene Interiors, a Burlington based interior design firm, will be teaching the basics of Interior Design.

From making the right color choices to learning the basics of interior design, Ms. Lucas will teach participants how to make informed decisions when working on decorating projects.

The classes will be held at Woburn High School, Tuesday evenings, April 8 and 15, from 7 to 9 p.m.

There are still openings to the class. To register, please call 781-937-8222.

HRT may have some benefits

That glass of red wine may not be the only thing fighting heart disease in menopausal women.

Healthy women on hormone replacement therapy (HRT) may derive greater cardioprotective effects than those associated with red wine consumption according to a study from St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. Published in "Menopause," the new research found that the specific and unique estrogen used in HRT/ERT can delay or prevent hardening of the arteries - a major cause of heart disease, and leading cause of death for

women in Canada and the United States.

Estrogen influences the way a woman's body balances high-density lipoproteins (HDLs) and low-density proteins (LDLs), or "good" and "bad" cholesterol. According to Dr. Bhagu R. Bhavnani, lead researcher in the study, HRT and red wine components both delay the modification of LDL to a more atherogenic form of "bad cholesterol," and possibly even prevent the incorporation of this form of cholesterol into arteries.

"While observational studies have long suggested that estrogen helps prevent heart disease in otherwise healthy menopausal women, this research offers the medical community the latest evidence of one of the potential mecha-

nisms of this benefit," said Bhavnani of St. Michael's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Cardiovascular disease is often caused by the hardening of the arteries in a process known as atherosclerosis. During this time, fatty deposits, or plaque, develop on the artery walls, narrowing passages and restricting blood flow to the heart. According to this study, estrogen, red wine components and other antioxidants work to prevent plaque formation of modified bad cholesterol that can accumulate in the artery walls.

In addition to lowering levels of bad cholesterol, hormone therapy has been shown to result in a significant increase

HRT to S-8

Austin

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Saropoulos of Somerville. "My Spanish has improved since hosting a student, although it has been a bit difficult because of the Argentine dialect and quick pace at which they speak. I thought it was fun getting to know the students. They are just kids like us," Saropoulos continued. "Their everyday lives may be different and they may not agree with everything about our country, but they are very tolerant and accepting of U.S. customs."

Each year the Austin community eagerly awaits the Argentine students' arrival. "It adds excitement to the school. It's something different," commented senior Christy LeCam of Andover, whose family like others has hosted a student for several years.

The Argentine students enjoyed their stay in the Boston area and even commended local drivers. "The people drive well here compared to home." They found the city of Boston to be cleaner than Buenos Aires and enjoyed visits to Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, the Museum of Science, the Aquarium, the Freedom Trail, Salem, and Woodman's Restaurant in Essex, MA. "We don't have rap music in Argentina and we don't have the same foods but we like all of it," said Federico Ferrero, a fourth year student, the equivalent to being a senior in our school system.

Not only did the Argentine students learn about U.S. culture but the Austin students picked up a thing or two about South American ways. "They taught us the 'ketchup dance' and the tango and cooked Argentinean food for us."

The Austin students learned that the school day is structured differently in

Argentina and the students begin taking English classes as youngsters. By the time they visit Reading, most of the Argentineans already have studied English for eight to ten years.

The Austin teens were in awe of the freedom their guests enjoy in Argentina where it is common to stay out into the early morning hours at the disco. At the same time, the

Argentinean students had to adjust to a more suburban lifestyle at Austin and relied on others for transportation. At home, they are a block's walk away from a friend's home. They also enjoyed the small class size and close-knit community at Austin. Their school, Colegio Manuel Belgrano, has more than 1000 students in the primary and secondary levels.

Spanish teacher, Father Kenneth Healey, S.M. of Austin founded and runs the exchange program with English teacher, Maria Ines Sacerdote of Colegio Manuel Belgrano in Buenos Aires. Both agree that while the students improve their language skills, the true intent is for both the Austin and Argentinean students to learn about people and develop an understanding for other cultures. These lessons take place in and outside of the classroom: through forming friendships and having fun.

"We are the directors of this play, we set the stage for the action, but the kids have to interact with people from a new culture," Father Healey said. "It is their experience. We hope to expose them to the larger world through contact with foreign students. This program helps break down stereotypes and prejudices the students may have of one another," he added.

"The warmth and hospitality we receive from the Austin families and community is overwhelming," complimented Argentinean coordinator Sacerdote.

"Our students really enjoy being here. They asked to stay another week. They do not want to leave." Austin senior, Christy LeCam expressed similar feelings of attachment. "In only three weeks I've formed a good, solid friendship with my guest, Florencia. I never thought that would be possible."

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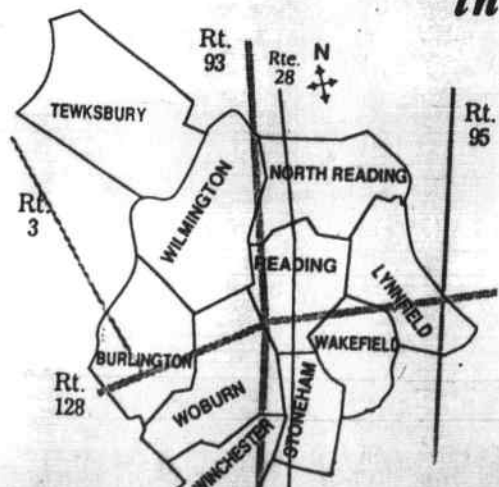
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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

SAY WHEN?

Now you see them' in Reading

"The geography of their land separates them and may contrast from the harsh scorched sands of the Sahara to the treeless cliffs of the Himalayas, but many of the ancient indigenous people of this world share common traits," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"That's one world viewpoint expressed by Jan Reynolds, a National Geographic photographer, author and lecturer, who addressed Parker Middle School students in an enrichment program, 'Vanishing Cultures.' The presentation was based on her book about the many secluded cultures on earth which have, so far, remained untouched by modern civilization.

"For nearly 20 years, Reynolds has traveled the globe, from the Amazon jungles to the Arctic tundra, exploring and documenting the traditions of native peoples, and how the ecological environment surrounding them has influenced their evolution.

"We're going to explore the earth pre-technology today," she told the students as she started a dramatic slide show featuring her films from some of the remote regions of the world she has visited, including the mountains of Tibet and the Algerian desert, as well as photos of the inhabitants who manage to thrive there despite the rugged terrain.

"The program also demonstrated Reynolds' skills as an athlete and adventurer; she's set world records for taking the first circumnavigation of Mount Everest in a hot air balloon, crossed the Sahara Desert on camel and cross-country skied a 14,000-foot high mountain peak in North Africa's Atlas Mountains.

"Her abilities have

enabled her to bond easier with the indigenous cultures she studied, she said, such as the Sherpas of Tibet. She described how they survive as traders, regularly crossing the Himalayas at elevations close to 20,000 feet through dangerous mountain passages in order to bring their wares to neighboring Nepal...."

Now you don't in Wakefield

"Attending school isn't what it used to be decades ago, and as a result, there is greater contact among young students especially, thus raising concerns during the winter cold and flu season," notes the Wakefield edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"According to Greenwood Yeuell School Nurse Mary Doherty, 'Gone are the days when children sat at desks in rows using only paper and pencil.

"In the present elementary setting, desks are in groups, children work at tables, centered on the rug or spread out on the floor. Children share keyboards, classroom manipulatives, toys, gym equipment and more. Our school allows children the opportunity to have art, music and library in different rooms which are shared by the entire school community."

"And while these conditions promote a healthy and beneficial learning atmosphere, they also tend to allow for a greater degree of germ spreading.

"We have had a lot of children with viruses, lengthy colds, bronchitis, strep and exacerbation of asthma. We encourage children to wash their hands before eating and after using the bathroom, but it's impossible to manage hand-washing after each and every activity, sneeze or cough. As a result, it is easy to pass around contagious germs,"

explains Mary Doherty, R.N.

"One way to significantly reduce the risk of spreading illnesses to others is to keep children home from school when he or she is under the weather...."

'Now's the time' in Lynnfield

"The number of overweight children has doubled within the past three decades," notes Janet Colozzi, R.N., in the Lynnfield "Summer Street School News."

"Unless these children start now to develop healthier diet and exercise habits, they may be on the fast track to serious health problems in adulthood.

"What can you as a parent do to prevent obesity?"

"Some suggestions are: 1. Establish a daily eating pattern that balances the major food groups; 2. Include less fried food and more low fat products; 3. Encourage your child to eat slowly to better detect feelings of fullness; 4. Make sure snacks are as healthy as possible and limit them to certain times; 5. Involve your child in food shopping and preparing meals.

"Physically active parents tend to have more active children. The prevalence of obesity is lowest among children who view television for one hour a day and highest among those who view television for four or more hours per day. Exercise should be incorporated into the usual daily routine.

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Memorial Concert April 13

Former Woburnite Laura Rotondo Canfield will be the featured vocalist in A Sunday Afternoon Memorial Concert in honor of Anthony F. Rotondo, Laura's father on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. in Lexington.

The performance is presented by The Jacqueline Gourdin Studio of Music. Guest artists include Laura Rotondo Canfield, voice, Paul Dykstra, piano, Kay Hamlin, flute, and Jacqueline Gourdin, piano.

The Follen Community Church is located at 755 Massachusetts Avenue in Lexington. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

It has been nearly 10 years since Laura has performed in the area, and it is an honor for her to be back for such an important occasion. On April 13 at 3 p.m., Laura will be joined by three other talented musicians for a concert in memory of her father, Tony Rotondo.

Tony, a lifelong resident of Woburn, who passed away in October of 2001, was a wonderful guitarist and vocalist. Music was a large part of Tony's life and a joy that Laura and he shared together.

Music has always been a part of Laura (Rotondo) Canfield's life. At a young age, Laura began studying piano and voice from well known music teacher, Jackie Swymer.

Jackie worked with Laura for many years, helping her to cultivate her musical abilities, and to this day, is the person who has had the most profound impact on Laura as a musician and a teacher.

It was Mr. Lawrence Gilgun, former principal of the Joyce Junior High School, who was among the first to discover Laura's voice, and music teacher, Marilyn Drew, who encouraged Laura to compete in District and All-State choruses.

In high school, under the direction of Robert Hodgson, Laura had leading roles in many of the musicals. She was also the first in Woburn High School history to earn a



LAURA ROTONDO CANFIELD

place in the All-Eastern United States chorus.

Laura then went on, over the course of many years, to play a number of roles in community and semi-professional musicals. Some of her best memories are from her work with the Colonial Chorus in Reading and at Turtle Lane, where she met her husband Rob.

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Movie Reviews

"Dream Catcher" good to catch

by Paul Feely

**MOVIE: "DREAM-
CATCHER"**
GRADE: ***

Review: Director Lawrence Kasdan successfully handles the latest transfer of a Stephen King story from book page to the big screen in this sci-fi horror thriller.

The plot centers around aliens who are attempting to get to a local water supply, thereby allowing them to infect the human population starting on the East Coast of the United States. They begin their invasion in the Northeast, the setting for so many of King's novels, and its up to four childhood friends who share a secret power to save mankind.

Kasdan helps the film have the right balance of

scars and humor, and the actors, including Jason Lee, manage to convey signs of longtime friendship among their characters, even though many of them had just met for the first time in real life.

For Boston baseball fans, it's somehow fitting that a man fighting to save the world and the human race is doing so in a Red Sox jacket in one scene.

SHORTTAKES

**MOVIE: "VIEW FROM
THE TOP"**
GRADE: *

Review: This movie is one of the bigger wastes of talent to hit the big screen in recent memory.

Gwyneth Paltrow plays a woman who strives to be the best airline steward she can be, and is helped along the way by friend Christina Applegate, and funnyman Mike Myers is the instructor who teaches her the ropes.

The plotline is supposed to be a bit tongue-in-cheek, but the ideas are wasted. It's hard to make Myers unfunny, but this film successfully does just that.

**MOVIE: "THE HUNT
ED"**
GRADE: **

Review: This movie claims to be an original, but it plays like a remake of Sylvester Stallone's 'First Blood.'

This storyline involves Benicio del Toro playing a former CIA Special Operative who loses his mind a bit, and decides to go on a terror-filled killing spree in the Pacific Northwest. Once authorities figure out what is going on, they call in the man's former trainer, played by Tommy Lee Jones.

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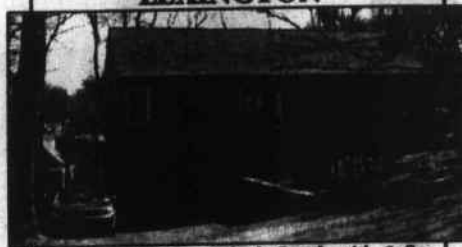
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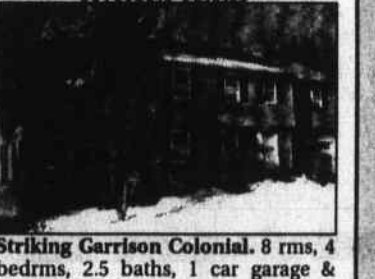
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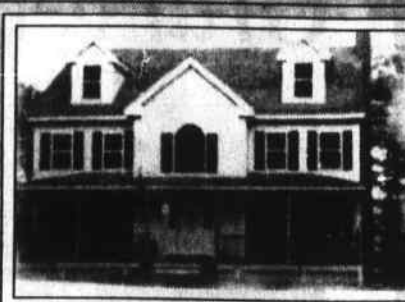


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STONEHAM



OWNER'S PRIDE SHOWS - many updates, 1st flr FR off the large eat-in kitchen, hdwd flrs, newer roof, replacement wind's & dead end street. \$369,900
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STONEHAM



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6 ROOM COLONIAL w/deeded beach rights. Large LR, DR w/ hdwd flrs, partially finished bsmt. Vinyl siding. In-law separate & a beautiful view. \$329,900

WILMINGTON



INVITING & PICTURE PERFECT CAPE! Newer mint 8/10 rm, 2.5 bath, gar Custom Cape. In-law pot/att home office. 1/2+ acre wooded lot. \$459,900

BILLERICA



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Sampler From S-9

A grand foyer invites you and your guests to step into over 6,700 sq. ft. of living space. The onyx floor highlights the lovely bridal oak staircase that gently curves to the parapet walkway upstairs.

The first level features a formal dining room with brass French doors and wall-to-wall granite topped china closet with gold beveled glass, the perfect place to display your finest china and accessories. Beautiful oak paneling boasting Louis XV carvings, hand carved by a master craftsman, is also found. This district oak paneling is prominent throughout the hallway and many of the rooms found on this home's first level.

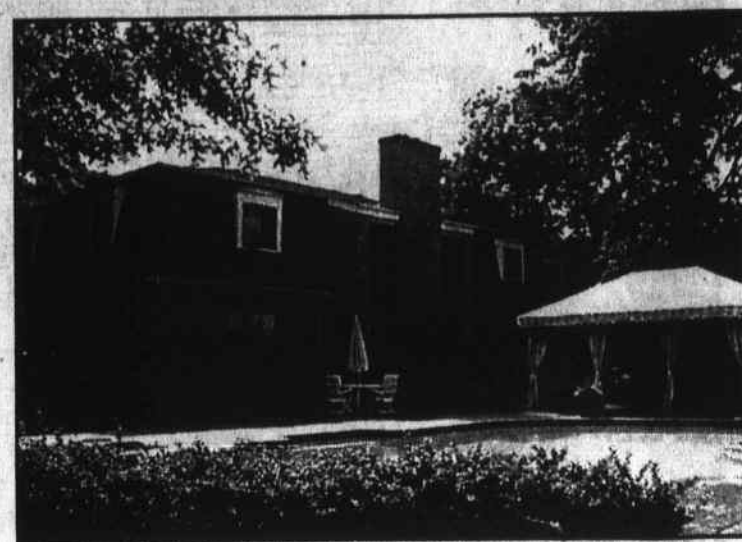
The living room provides an elegant setting for formal entertaining with its enclosed pivoted lighting that further highlights the custom carved oak paneling.

Step into the family room, with its soaring 26' vaulted coffer ceiling and you will find another option for private gatherings and/or relaxing. In addition to the oak paneling, this room features a hand installed inlaid oak floor and fireplace, and opens to "The Pub", a gathering room complete with full wet bar, dishwasher, refrigerator, ceiling fan, and china cabinet.

The large, well equipped gourmet eat-in kitchen with island and ceramic tile floor boasts generous oak cabinets,

erator, ceiling fan, and china cabinet.

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Wakefield Hanley joins Greers

Bob Winsor, president and owner of Century 21 Greers, is pleased to announce that Scott Hanley has joined the Greers' Team as Sales Associate.

Mr. Hanley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in

Structural/Civil Engineering from Northeastern University.

Scott and his wife Mary have lived in Wakefield for 10 years. They are the proud par-



SCOTT J. HANLEY enters of three daughters in the Wakefield School system.

Scott is very involved in the community with church, sports and neighborhood organizations. He is an active member of St. Florence Parish Pastoral Council and former St. Joseph's School Fundraising Coordinator.

Currently Scott is Associate Basketball Coach, coaching two girls teams and former Coach of Wakefield Youth Soccer and Wakefield Little League. He is also a committee member on the Mapleway Park Expansion Project.

"Scott begins his association with Greers with more than 20 years business, sales and marketing experience. He is a career professional who knows how to make things happen. He has already begun building a solid customer and referral base of satisfied customers," said Bob Winsor.

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Jenn-Air range, Gaggeneau four burner grill, built-in deep fryer, dishwasher, and compactor. The convenience of a laundry room is also found on the first level.

The second level features an impressive master suite with Jacuzzi bath, double vanity and designer sinks, electric blinds, and cherry cabinets. Three additional bedrooms are also found, one of which presently serves as an office.

Also found on this floor is the unique benefit of a spacious great room with beautiful stone fireplace. Ample space and versatility are yours on this level, as well as on this home's lower level where you will find a wine cellar and additional space to utilize as you wish.

Outside, a stone and iron fence encircles this home's impressive grounds. The beautiful back yard offers the perfect summertime retreat with its granite in-ground pool with hot tub, gazebo, and cabana with full kitchen, dressing room and shower. A garden and ample trees provide ample shade and color.

Although the amenities and fine features are far too many to list, one may privately view this exquisite home and see all it has to offer by calling ERA Andrew/Schmid Realty, the listing office, at 781-438-7220. This home is currently on the market for \$1,499,000.



The family room has a 26' vaulted coffer ceiling and is great for entertaining

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MELROSE



This charming Colonial offers a great layout for entertaining & everyday living - from the spacious living room & updated eat-in kitchen to the open dining area with bay window. The sun-splashed family rm addition leads to a lovely deck - perfect for catching a gentle spring breeze. Plus an unexpectedly huge lower level playrm - a fabulous bonus! \$369,000

PENOBSCOT



Just Reduced! Turn key. Colonial on private road. Quiet location with quick access to major routes. Large landscaped yard. Subject to seller finding suitable housing. \$419,900

STONEHAM



Lovely multi-level home located in Robin Hood area. Features include gleaming hardwood floors, fireplace living room, ceramic tile kitchen with maple cabinets, three-season porch, central air, new windows, newer roof. Move in condition. \$439,000

STONEHAM



Meticulously maintained Cape features: Hardwood flrs, new kitchen, ceramic tile, fireplace living rm, full finished basement, 2nd kitchen great for extended family, all on a large level lot with beautiful landscaping & sprinkler system. \$629,900

WAKEFIELD



NEW PRICE! Spectacular six month young four finished level Townhouse style Duplex. Granite kitchen with custom island & upgraded appliances, open flr plan on 1st flr, hardwood throughout three levels, tiled baths, central air, finished basement, alarm system, 1 car garage, satellite dish, yard, walk to town & train. \$414,900

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1st Offer! Dramatic, architecturally inspired home on coveted Apple Hill, incredible open living area with cathedral ceilings, black granite gourmet kitchen, 4 bedrooms, fantastic acre lot. \$799,000

STONEHAM



Charming Dutch Mansion (Colonial) w/brick exterior & lovely large porch w/lattice work. This 10 rm home features 6 bedrms, 2.5 baths, huge fireplace living rm, dining rm w/winecooling & pocket drs, crown moldings, hardwood flrs thru-out, front & back staircase & window seat. Also, new windows, newer kitchen cabinets w/glass fronts, cobblestone brick patio, walkout basement & 3rd flr au pair suite. One of a kind in mint condition. A must see! \$669,900

READING



Reading's Most Desired Area! Lovely 9 rm, 4 BR, 2-1/2 bath Colonial. Huge eat-in kitchen, maple cabinets, island, granite countertops, FP FR with vaulted ceiling, recessed lighting. LR has crown moldings. Playroom/office, master suite features walk-in. \$699,900

NORTH READING



1st Offer! Lovely 3 bedroom Ranch with gleaming hardwood floors, newer kitchen, level 1/2 acre lot in lovely cul-de-sac near town center. A wonderful home where owner's pride shines. \$374,900

NORTH READING



Stylish Gambrel Colonial - Lovingly maintained & updated in beautiful area, 4 bedrooms, 2 full, 2 half baths, spacious flr plan with over 2000 sq. ft. of living area. Newer family rm & mud rm. Oversized master suite with full bath. Retractable screen porch area that overlooks in-ground granite pool & basketball court. Just a great place to call home! \$519,000

NORTH READING



Rare Custom French Provincial offers first floor living in coveted Ridgeway Estates. Beautiful great room, exceptional floor plan, nine foot & twelve foot ceilings and an exceptionally private yard with in-ground pool. Beyond duplication at \$749,000

BURLINGTON



1st Offer! Gorgeous Colonial on superb private setting, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, luxurious appointments include 2 fireplaces, gourmet kitchen, banquet sized dining room, hardwood floors and more! \$699,900

Large, handsome house

The Rosemont is a large and handsome home. Lap siding, stone veneer wainscoting and multipaned windows give its exterior textural variety, while the strong lines provided by gables, arches and a hipped roof add to the visual appeal. With the exception of a loft and unfinished bonus room, it is basically a single-level plan.

Entering, you step into a wide, naturally bright foyer with a 12-foot ceiling. Soft light filters in through sidelights and a high, arched transom. Arched openings offer access to rooms on both sides, as well as into the spacious living room straight ahead.

This floor plan is very open. The foyer flows into the dining room, which links with a living room that is completely open to the kitchen and nook. The ceiling here is also 12 feet high, and the rear wall is primarily glass, with transoms capping the ground level windows

except in the bayed nook. A gas fireplace nestles into the window corner next to the roomy home entertainment center.

Standing at the kitchen sink, you face into this large, bright space, and can also appreciate the changing seasons outside. An eating bar rims one section of the angled work island.

Other conveniences include a pantry, wine cooler, and built-in appliances. The nearby utility room is outfitted with a deep sink and has additional pantry storage. Double doors off the nook open into a room that could be used as a study, home office, or whatever suits.

The Rosemont's master suite is appropriately luxurious, with a walk-in shower, spa tub, and a huge walk-in closet. The two-sided fireplace (with TV above) can be enjoyed from both the sleeping area and the spa tub.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations,

section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Dept. W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Rosemont 30-376 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 350 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-0123 or visit www.associateddesigns.com.

Double duty garden tools

The growing attachment to lawn and garden attachments is well-founded, green thumbs say.

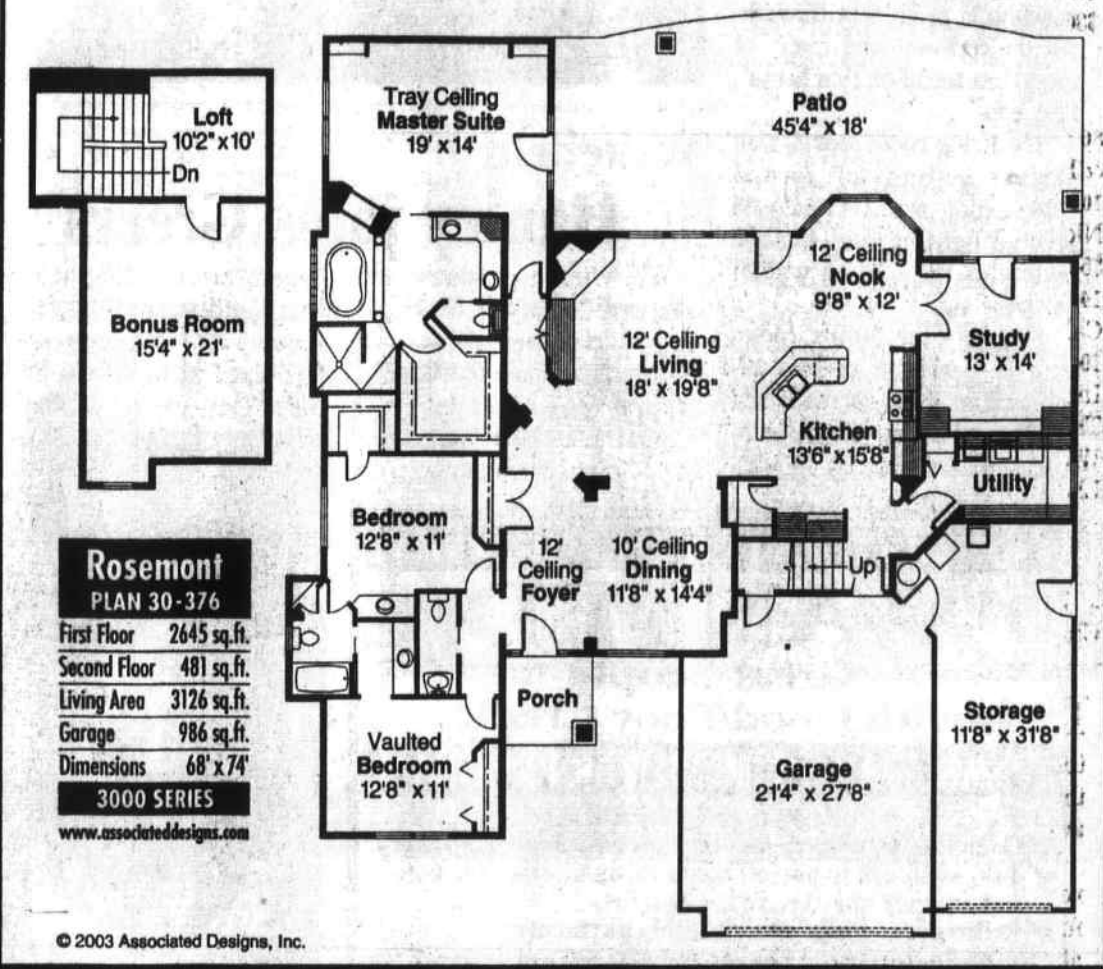
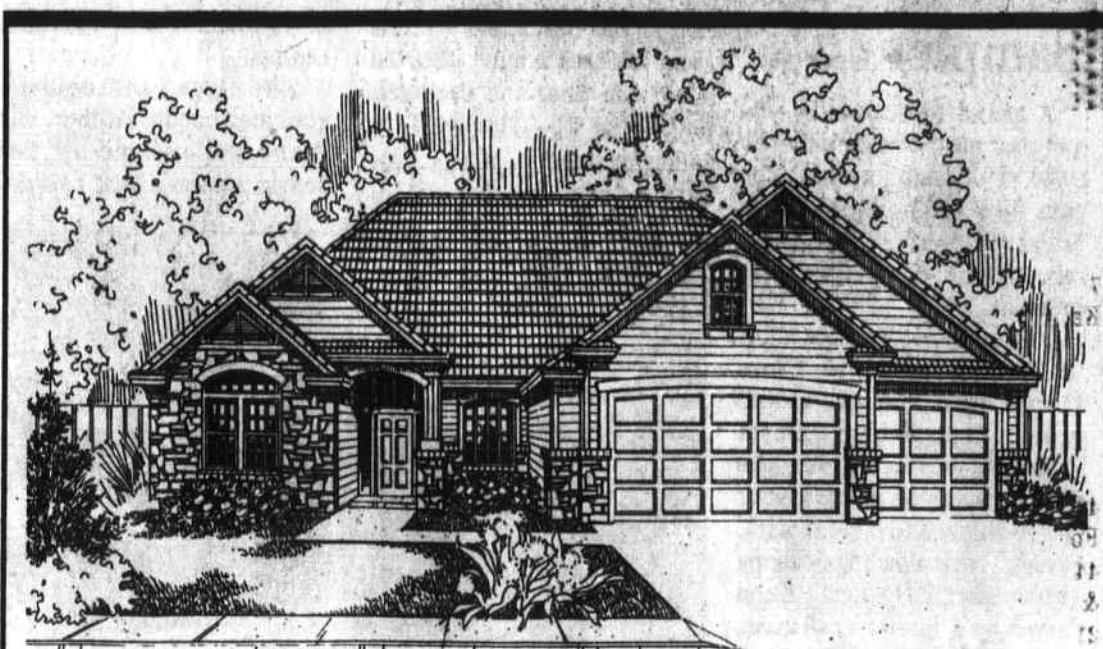
The right attachment can turn one tool into many. In fact, versatility can be key when looking for the best lawn and garden products that can perform a range of jobs. For example, trimmers such as Ryobi's TrimmerPlus do everything from manicuring lawn edges and trimming hedges to cultivating garden beds, vacuuming up leaves and blowing snow.

A new TrimmerPlus trimmer attachment, model HS720r, makes the outdoor power equipment industry's most popular trimmer attachment system even more versatile than ever.

Range of Attachments

The new hedge trimmer brings to eight the number of attachments now available with the system. Other existing tools and attachments include a string trimmer, edger, blower-vac, dedicated blower, cultiva-

Tools to S-13



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STONEHAM - Charming 7 rm, 3 brm, 1.5 bath Colonial - this lovely home boasts a sunny front porch, fireplace living room, formal dining room, large eat in kitchen, first floor laundry and mudroom. Lower level family room, many updates, great neighborhood! \$349,000



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READING - A palatial home in one of the more intimate neighborhoods in Reading. With 13 room Colonial features, 3-1/2 baths, oversized for today's family with a 30 foot kitchen complete with a sitting area. A first floor family room with vaulted ceilings, a stone fireplace and steps to an exercise loft. The lower level features a 5th bedroom, game room and a 'pool' room. \$790's



Denise Georgoulis



Carole Limane



BILLERICA - Nestled in a small community is this lovely 2 bedroom Bungalow with a new oak kitchen. The bath features a jacuzzi tub. The sliders lead to a deck and a fenced yard. \$242,000



Sherri Stebbins



Frank Delaney



NORTH READING - A great house with an incredible yard of 32,000 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms and an up-to-date interior with white cabinets and ceramic tile floor. The bath was totally redone with all new fixtures. A bonus 16x20 shed with a wood stove and electricity. \$359,900



Tom Barrett



Frank Ioanna



NORTH READING - 1 Bedroom plenty of closet space & storage and parking, next to shopping. \$129,900



NORTH READING - Waterfront Colonial w/150 feet of beach! Swim, fish, sail, boat, skate from your back door. This landmark home features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, a first floor family room, stone fireplace, screen porch, window seats and incredible views. \$440's



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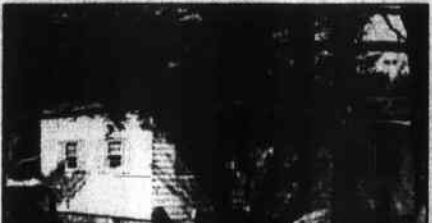
Marybeth Meyers



LYNNFIELD - Handicap Access! This charming 2 bedroom Ranch includes central air, new windows, a newer heating system, septic and siding. An oversized garage with an enclosed handicap ramp is just the start! \$339,900



Gayle Faller



WILMINGTON - 6 room meticulously maintained with newer windows, a newer bath and first floor family room. Hardwood floors are offered in most rooms. Ideally located on the Burlington line with easy commuting to Rte. 62. \$262,900

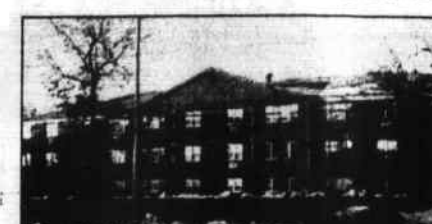


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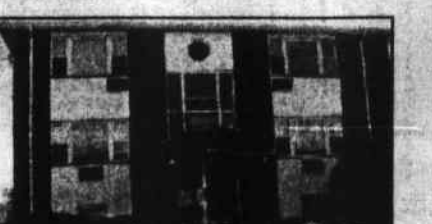


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CONDO CORNER



NORTH READING - 1 Bedroom plenty of closet space & storage and parking, next to shopping. \$129,900



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BURLINGTON

Median Price \$310,000

7 COUNTY RD was sold to Mark Skigis & Kate Skigis Kakridas by Steven Skigis for \$18,659

LYNNFIELD

No Real Estate Sales were Recorded for This Week.

NORTH READING

Median Price \$307,000

49 MAIN ST U:20 was sold to Kelli A Mcclay by Faith Fournier for \$135,000

44 MAIN ST U:1 was sold to David H Smith by Susannan Lynn & Jason Moreira for \$159,900

21 TARBOX LN Anthony Maffeo J & Debra Maffeo by Shenandoah Valley Corp T & Shenandoah Valley T Tr for \$867,674

READING

Median Price \$315,000

80 CURTIS ST was sold to Dennis Curran Jr by Jean M Magno & Ermine J Magno for \$400,000

1019 MAIN ST was sold to Norman R Nichols & Norman Nichols by Nichols Stuart R Est & William H Diamond Tr for \$59,000

14 MORGAN PARK was sold to Angela Nelson & Maggie Cahill by Frances A Haigh for \$292,000

10 ORCHARD PARK DR was sold to Citicapital Relocation Inc & Prudential Relocation Inc by Mary L Robillard & Thomas J Robillard for \$592,500

WALKERS BROOK DR L7-20 was sold to Walkers Brook Xmg Lf by Reading Town Of \$3,000,000

STONEHAM

Median Price \$295,000

3 BRACKETT AVE was sold to Helene N Bramante by Christine B Durand for \$325,000

100 LEDGEWOOD DR U:313 was sold to Robert S Hanley Jr & Robert S Hanley Sr by Kathleen A Monteith for \$195,000
100-2 MAIN ST U:2-1 was sold to Jose A Pinto by Nicholas J Gregorio for \$150,000

34 MEETING HOUSE LN was sold to Lucretia Monsen & Wilfred H Monsen by Meeting House At Stow LLC for \$18,000
224 PARK ST U:A2 was sold to Caroline Grimaldi by Pamela W Rice & Robert E Salafia for \$307,500

12 STEVENS ST was sold to Alberta A McCabe & William F McCabe by Jennifer M Scars & Demerson R Scars for \$170,000

10 SUMMER ST was sold to Michael J Pontone by Robert L Clarke for \$449,900

TEWKSBURY

Median Price \$264,500

90 JEFFERSON RD was sold to Keith B Thomasset & Usa T Thomasset by George Joudrie & Tracey Joudrie for \$29,900

70 BIRCH ST was sold to Christopher A Childress & Julie A Childress by James H Marlow & Candace J Mariow for \$279,900

65 BIRCHWOOD RD was sold to Bernard M Mecherkany & Susan G Mecherkany by Marc P Ginsburg for \$180,000
100 DECAROLIS DR U:100 was sold to Christopher Cavatorta & Valerie Pappas by Wilma R Greene & Howard A Greene for \$220,000

11 FARWOOD RD was sold to Douglas R Souza by George F Brothers Sr for \$639,900

41 PATRICK RD U:41 was sold to Eric Langan & Richard Langan by Kevin G Sullivan & Margaret A Sullivan for \$231,900

25 PENNACOOK RD was sold to John E Gondola & Pamela A Gondola by Ernestine E Lamon for \$349,900

9 PILLSBURY AVE was sold to James D Cain & Naureen A Shirkoff by Alston RT & Richard E Macdonald Tr for \$348,000

WAKEFIELD

Median Price \$300,000

1009 MAIN ST was sold to James M. Maltacea Sr & Maria Maltacea by Muriel R Gudewich Tr & Charles A Gudewich Tr for \$360,000

WILMINGTON

Median Price \$275,000

6 ALLSTON AVE was sold to Sean M Hayes & Susanne E Hayes by Eric A Benson & Irene G Benson for \$307,400

32 EVERETT AVE was sold to Rita M Voner by Igor Quinones-Garcia for \$286,000

96 MINK RUN RD was sold to John R Fletcher & Lisa A Fletcher by Robert J Troy for \$444,800

FIORENZA DR was sold to Joseph G Keller Jr by Andover Heights Dev Corp for \$589,900

199 TAFT RD was sold to Nicholas Mollo & Valerie Mollo by David P Ondek & Kathryn M Ondek for \$390,000

WINCHESTER

Median Price \$557,000

73 BACON ST was sold to Emanuela G Panzara & Michael A Panzara by Lisa A Fitzgibbons & Christopher W Mines for \$1,115,500

4 FOX HUNT LN was sold to Avtar Singh & Ramesh Kaur Singh by Gary Adelson for \$965,000

22 HEMINGWAY ST was sold to Erik Shertwood & Nancy Finnerty by Mary Connolly, A William Macdonald & Janet G Macdonald for \$365,000

11-13 LAKEVIEW RD was sold to Donna J Marino & Vincent J Marino by Vincent J Marino & Rose Marino for \$700,000

19 MYOPIA RD was sold to Kailenn Tsao & Melanie A Kazlas by Sheryl Guerin & John Guerin for \$720,000

8 PLYMOUTH RD was sold to John T Ward by Kenneth F Darcy for \$550,000

WOBURN

Median Price \$260,000

60 MARLBORO RD was sold to Donna Kashian & Richard Kashian by John Egan for \$320,000

121-489 PLACE LN U:422 was sold to Roberta M Burton by Marian E Forsyth & John A Forsyth for \$25,000

75 WILLOW ST was sold to Lewis A Whitaker by Elizabeth A Osborne & Robert J Osborne for \$315,000

Tools From S-12

tor, tree pruner, and snow thrower. A brush cutter is also available on some models.

Also new this year is a redesigned Click-Link that makes it easier to change attachments. The new mechanism features a single oversized knob to secure attachments, plus a three-position lock so tools can be rotated on the shaft. Contributing to the unit's benefits are its low cost and ease of storage.

Power Sources

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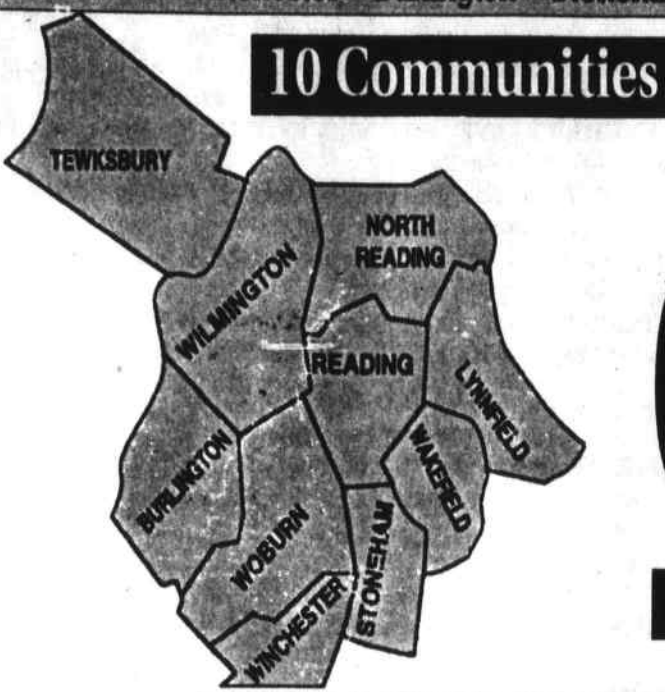


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